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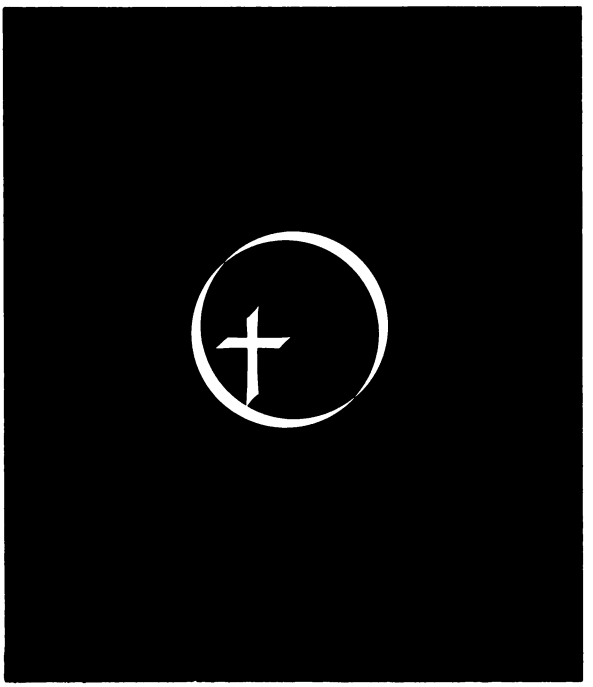

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PREFACE.

The services in this book are compiled mainly from "The Altar," a service book for Sunday-schools by Reverend J. G. Bartholomew, first published more than forty years ago. During many years of active work in the Sunday-school I have found no service book to equal it. The subjects are well chosen. Among the services one may be found appropriate for any and every occasion. The songs in this book have been selected from those most successfully used in our own school. We have also added a few familiar church hymns, which all Sunday-school scholars should learn. The successful conduct of any Sunday-school depends upon the personality of the leader. Preparation is always necessary. Do not use the services consecutively, but choose each Sunday one suitable for the occasion or the lesson of the day. The following programme is recommended for the entire service of the Sunday-school.

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PROGRAMME.

1. Singing—Sing two or three songs.
2. Superintendent's Reading—From the service selected for the day.
3. Scripture Lesson—Read responsively by the Superintendent and School.
4. Recitation of Creed—Recite in concert the Rhode Island, or either of the others, on first inside cover.
5. Responses.
6. Prayer—Read by the Superintendent and the School in concert.
7. Chant—Pages 196, 197.
8. Singing—One or two songs.
9. Reading of the Sunday-school lesson of the day by the Superintendent and School responsively.
10. Twenty-five minutes for the study of the lesson.
11. Singing—One or two songs.
12. Brief remarks upon the lesson of the day by the Superintendent.
13. Singing—Have the members of the School stand.
14. Recite the Lord's Prayer in concert.

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Regular and Special Services.

FIRST SERVICE.

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING.

I. Singing.

II. Superintendent's Reading.

Come, ye children, hearken unto me: I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

Know ye that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him and bless his name.

For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.

III. Scripture Lesson. (Read Responsively.) Mark xii. 1-11.

And he began to speak unto them by parables. A certain man planted a vineyard, and set a hedge about it, and digged a place for the winefat, and built a tower, and let it out to husbandmen, and went into a far country.

And at the season he sent to the husbandmen a servant, that he might receive from the husbandmen of the fruit of the vineyard.

And they caught him, and beat him, and sent him away empty.

And again he sent unto them another servant, and at him they cast stones, and wounded him in the head, and sent him away shamefully handled.

And again he sent another; and him they killed, and many others; beating some, and killing some.

Having yet therefore one son, his well beloved,

he sent him also last unto them, saying, They will reverence my son.

But those husbandmen said among themselves, This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and the inheritance shall be ours.

And they took him, and killed him, and cast him out of the vineyard.

What shall therefore the lord of the vineyard do? he will come and destroy the husbandmen, and will give the vineyard unto others.

And have ye not read this scripture; The stone which the builders rejected is become the head of the corner.

This was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes?

And they sought to lay hold on him, but feared the people; for they knew that he had spoken the parable against them: and they left him and went their way.

IV. Recitation of Creed.

V. Responses.

Superintendent. Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness,

School. And for his wonderful works to the children of men.

Sup. For he satisfieth the longing soul.

School. And filleth the hungry soul with goodness.

Sup. He executeth righteousness and judgment.

School. For all that are oppressed;

Sup. He turneth rivers into a wilderness,

School. And the water-springs into dry ground.

Sup. Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name.

School. Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

Sup. It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord,

School. And to sing praises unto thy name, O most High;

Sup. To show forth thy loving-kindness in the morning,

School. And thy faithfulness every night.

Sup. Oh magnify the Lord with me,

School. And let us exalt his name together.

VI. Prayer.

Oh thou that hearest prayer, and knowest the secrets of every heart, we adore thee as the only living and true God, the Father of all mankind. Thou hast created the heavens and the earth, and filled the universe with witnesses of thy wisdom and power. All that thou hast made reflects thy glory, and magnifies thy name. Thou hast created us in the image of thyself, and called us by the tender name of children. And we would render unto thee some worthy offering of praise for thy love and kindness toward us. Thou art the light of our pathway, and the joy of our souls. And now, Oh Father, we would bring our hearts to thee. Make us more worthy of thy love, more worthy to be called thy children. We have met together for instruction in thy word; to learn more of thy will and purposes concerning us; more of our duties to thee and to each other. Let thy blessing rest upon our school, and thy Spirit upon all our hearts. Give unto each of us wisdom from on high, to guide us in all the ways of life, and grant us thy salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

VII. Chant.

VIII. Singing.

SECOND SERVICE.

THE DUTY OF WORSHIP.

I. Singing.

II. Superintendent's Reading.

Oh, come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our maker.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms.

I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.

For the Lord God is a sun and shield: the Lord will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.

III. Scripture Lesson. (Read Responsively.) John iv. 5-10, 19-24.

Then cometh he to a city of Samaria, which is called Sychar, near to the parcel of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph.

Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus, therefore, being wearied with his journey, sat thus on the well: and it was about the sixth hour.

There cometh a woman of Samaria to draw water: Jesus saith unto her, Give me to drink.

For his disciples were gone away unto the city to buy meat.

Then saith the woman of Samaria unto him, How is it that thou, being a Jew, askest drink of me, which am a woman of Samaria? for the Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.

Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith unto

thee, Give me to drink, thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water.

The woman saith unto him, Sir, I perceive that thou art a prophet.

Our fathers worshipped in this mountain; and ye say, that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship.

Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father.

Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship; for salvation is of the Jews.

But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth; for the Father seeketh such to worship him.

God is a Spirit; and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

IV. Recitation of Creed.

V. Responses.

Superintendent. Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? or who shall stand in his holy place?

School. He that hath clean hands and a pure heart.

Sup. He shall receive the blessing of the Lord,

School. And righteousness from the God of his salvation.

Sup. Lift up your heads, Oh ye gates!

School. And be ye lifted up ye everlasting doors;

Sup. Lift up your heads, Oh, ye gates!

School. And the king of glory shall come in.

Sup. Who is this King of glory?

School. The Lord of hosts; he is the king of glory.

Sup. I will extol thee, my God, Oh King;

School. And I will bless thy name forever and ever.

Sup. Every day I will bless thee,

School. And I will praise thy name forever and ever.

Sup. Oh satisfy us early with thy mercy,

School. That we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

VI. Prayer.

Our Father who art in heaven—the source of life and the giver of all good: Thou hast taught us to look unto thee in prayer, and to worship thee in spirit and in truth. Thou has revealed thyself to us as our best and dearest friend. Thou hast taught us to put all our trust in thee, for thou will never leave us nor forsake us. We thank thee that we are the children of thy love; that thou art leading us through all the changing scenes of life, and that wherever we may be, or whatever may befall us, we can say, thou doest all things well. Help us, our Father, to worship thee aright—to open our hearts before thee in gratitude and praise. Help us to understand thy holy word, that we may serve thee better, and love thee more and more. Give unto each of us that purity of heart which shall enable us to see thee in all the ways of life. Make us true and faithful followers of thy dear Son; and may it be our highest aim to make our lives and characters like his. Let thy blessing rest upon us while we are here together, and thy Spirit go with us, to guide us in the duties of the week before us; and to thy name be all praise and glory, forever. Amen.

VII. Chant.

VIII. Singing.

THIRD SERVICE.

THE SABBATH DAY.

I. Singing.

II. Superintendent's Reading.

One thing I have desired of the Lord, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.

For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion; in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me upon a rock.

When thou saidst, Seek ye my face: my heart said unto thee, Thy face, Lord, will I seek.

And my tongue shall speak of thy righteousness and of thy praise all the day long.

III. Scripture Lesson. (Read Responsively.) Luke vi. 1-10.

And it came to pass on the second Sabbath after the first, that he went through the cornfields; and his disciples plucked the ears of corn, and did eat, rubbing them in their hands.

And certain of the Pharisees said unto them, Why do ye that which is not lawful to do on the Sabbath days?

And Jesus, answering them, said, Have ye not read so much as this, what David did, when himself was anhungered, and they which were with him;

How he went into the house of God, and did take and eat the shewbread, and gave also to them that were with him; which it is not lawful to eat but for the priests alone?

And he said unto them, That the Son of Man is Lord also of the Sabbath.

And it came to pass also on another Sabbath, that he entered into the synagogue and taught: and there was a man whose right hand was withered.

And the scribes and Pharisees watched him, whether he would heal on the Sabbath day; that they might find an accusation against him.

But he knew their thoughts, and said to the man which had the withered hand, Rise up, and stand forth in the midst. And he arose and stood forth.

Then said Jesus unto them, I will ask for one thing; Is it lawful on the Sabbath days to do good, or to do evil? to save life, or to destroy it?

And looking round about upon them all he said unto the man, Stretch forth thy hand. And he did so, and his hand was restored whole as the other.

IV. Recitation of Creed.

V. Responses.

Superintendent. Praise waiteth for thee, Oh God, in Zion;

School. And unto thee shall the vow be performed.

Sup. Oh thou that hearest prayer,

School. Unto thee shall all flesh come.

Sup. Blessed is the man whom thou choosest, and causest to approach unto thee;

School. That he may dwell in thy courts.

Sup. We shall be satisfied with the goodness of thy house,

School. Even of thy holy temple.

Sup. Oh bless our God, ye people,

School. And let the voice of his praise be heard.

Sup. Which holdeth our soul in life,

School. And suffereth not our feet to be moved.
Sup. I will praise thee, Oh Lord, among the people.
School. I will sing unto thee among the nations.
Sup. Be thou exalted, Oh God, above the heavens;
School. And let thy glory be above all the earth.

VI. Prayer.

We render thanks to thee, O God of heaven and earth, for all thy goodness to us, and for all the testimonies of thy love. We thank thee for this holy day, and all the sacred memories it awakens in our hearts. May it be to us a day of rest, of sweet communion with each other and with thee. May we think of him whose resurrection from the dead has made this a sacred day to every Christian heart. And while we sing thy praises, and lift up our voices in prayer, may we feel our dependence upon thee for all we have and all that we enjoy; that we may worship thee with all our hearts. We thank thee for our happy homes, our loving parents, our kind teachers and companions. We pray for thy blessing to rest upon them all. May we ever feel grateful to thee for these expressions of thy goodness; and may we show our gratitude by our obedience to thy will. Help us, we pray thee, to carry these Sabbath lessons in our hearts, to live according to the precepts which are taught us here; that others, seeing our good works, may be led to glorify thy name, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

VII. Chant.

VIII. Singing.

FOURTH SERVICE.

THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.

I. Singing.

II. Superintendent's Reading.

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in him, and I am helped: therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth; and with my song will I praise him.

Though a host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear: though war should rise against me, in this will I be confident.

The Lord redeemeth the soul of his servants: and none of them that trust in him shall be desolate.

III. Scripture Lesson. (Read Responsively.) John vi. 27-35.

Labor not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed.

Then said they unto him, What shall we do, that we might work the works of God?

Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent.

They said therefore unto him, What sign showest thou then, that we may see, and believe thee? What dost thou work?

Our fathers did eat manna in the desert; as it is written, He gave them bread from heaven to eat.

Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Moses gave you not that bread from heaven; but my Father giveth you the true bread from heaven.

For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world.

Then said they unto him, Lord, evermore give us this bread.

And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.

IV. Recitation of Creed.

V. Responses.

Superintendent. The Lord is my Shepherd,

School. I shall not want.

Sup. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;

School. He leadeth me beside the still waters:

Sup. He restoreth my soul;

School. He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Sup. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

School. I will fear no evil; for thou art with me;

Sup. Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

School. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of my enemies.

Sup. Thou anointest my head with oil;

School. My cup runneth over.

Sup. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

School. And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Sup. When my heart is overwhelmed will I cry unto thee;

School. Lead me to the Rock that is higher than I.

VI. Prayer.

God of all goodness and grace, permit us, thy needy children, to approach thee in the name of Jesus Christ. We adore thee as the father of our spirits. We worship thee as the giver of every good and perfect gift, our righteousness and strength. We draw near to thee in prayer, with the full assurance of faith. Accept our feeble offering, and give us answers of peace. Enable us to realize, O our Father, how great is our indebtedness to thee for the gifts of life and health; for friendship and for friends; for the Bible, with its promises and hopes; for Jesus Christ, our Master and Redeemer. Thou knowest how poor and weak we are, and that all we can give is as nothing before thee. Yet thou hast taught us that thou wilt not refuse the sincere worship of the feeblest heart. May this be our offering to-day, and may we feel that we have found acceptance with thee. Help us to learn and do thy will. Forgive us all our sins, and keep us ever in thy love; and to thee shall be ascribed praise and dominion forevermore. Amen.

VII. Chant.

VIII. Singing.

FIFTH SERVICE.

EARLY RELIGIOUS CULTURE.

I. Singing.

II. Superintendent's Reading.

He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength.

Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall:

But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

III. Scripture Lesson. (Read Responsively.) Prov. iv.

Hear, ye children, the instruction of a father, and attend to know understanding.

For I give you good doctrine; forsake ye not my law.

Enter not into the path of the wicked, and go not in the way of evil men.

Avoid it, pass not by it, turn from it, and pass away.

For they sleep not except they have done mischief; and their sleep is taken away unless they cause some to fall.

For they eat the bread of wickedness, and drink the wine of violence.

But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day.

The way of the wicked is as darkness: they know not at what they stumble.

My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings.

Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart.

For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh.

Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.

Put away from thee a froward mouth, and perverse lips put far from thee.

Let thine eyes look right on, and let thine eyelids look straight before thee.

Ponder the path of thy feet, and let all thy ways be established.

Turn not to the right hand nor to the left: remove thy foot from evil.

IV. Recitation of Creed.

V. Responses.

Superintendent. O God, thou are my God;

School. Early will I seek thee;

Sup. Because thy loving kindness is better than life,

School. My lips shall praise thee.

Sup. Thus will I bless thee while I live;

School. I will lift up my hands in thy name.

Sup. My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness;

School. And my mouth shall praise thee with joyful lips.

Sup. Bless the Lord, O my soul!

School. And all that is within me, bless his holy name.

Sup. Who redeemeth thy life from destruction;

School. Who crowneth thee with loving-kindness and tender mercies;

Sup. Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things,

School. So that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Sup. Bless the Lord all his works, in all places of his dominion!

School. Bless the Lord, O my soul!

VI. Prayer.

O thou on whom all creatures depend, the source and center of all truth and life; we come to thee with grateful hearts for the privileges and blessings which we now enjoy. Thou hast preserved us through another week, and brought us to behold the light of this Sabbath day. And now, O God, we would renew our vows to thee, to love and serve thee better, and to seek, in all we do and say, to glorify thy holy name. Help us to consecrate our youthful hearts to thee, that we may follow closer in the footsteps of our Master and Redeemer. Help us to resist temptation, to turn our eyes away from the false attractions of sin, to overcome evil with good. May we abhor all that is wrong, and cleave only to that which is just and right. May we realize that thou art with us every day and hour of life, that we may strive to make our conduct pleasing in thy sight. Prepare us for all the duties and trials of the world; give us strength to labor, and patience to endure, and bring us at last to serve thee in a higher and better life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

VII. Chant.

VIII. Singing.

SIXTH SERVICE.

THE BIBLE.

I. Singing.

II. Superintendent's Reading.

Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the Lord.

Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, and that seek him with the whole heart.

Thou art my portion, O Lord: I have said that I would keep thy words.

I will meditate in thy precepts, and have respect unto thy ways.

III. Scripture Lesson. (Read Responsively.) Isa. lv.

Ho, everyone that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your labor for that which satisfieth not? Hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness.

Incline your ear, and come unto me: hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David.

Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near.

Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord.

For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater;

So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace: the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

Instead of the thorn shall come up the fir tree, and instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree; and it shall be to the Lord for a name, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

IV. Recitation of Creed.

V. Responses.

Superintendent. Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way?

School. By taking heed thereto according to thy word.

Sup. With my whole heart have I sought thee;

School. Oh let me not wander from thy commandments.

Sup. Make me to understand the way of thy precepts,

School. So shall I talk of thy wondrous works.

Sup. Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes;

School. And I shall keep it unto the end.

Sup. Thy word is a lamp unto my feet,
School. And a light unto my path.
Sup. Thy testimonies have I taken as a heritage forever;
School. For they are the rejoicing of my heart.
Sup. Great peace have they which love thy law,
School. And nothing shall offend them.

VI. Prayer.

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare thou those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore thou those who are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy name. Amen.

VII. Chant.

VIII. Singing.

SEVENTH SERVICE.

GOD SEEN IN HIS WORKS.

I. Singing.

II. Superintendent's Reading.

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, in the mountain of his holiness.

Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth, is Mount Zion, on the sides of the North, the city of the great King.

God is known in her palaces for a refuge.

Exalt the Lord our God, and worship at his holy hill; for the Lord our God is holy.

III. Scripture Lesson. (Read Responsively.) Isa. xl.

The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low; and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain:

And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

He shall feed his flock like a shepherd: he shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry them in his bosom.

To whom then will ye liken God? Or what likeness will ye compare unto him?

Have ye not known? Have ye not heard? Hath it not been told you from the beginning? Have ye not understood from the foundations of the earth?

It is he that sitteth upon the circle of the earth, and the inhabitants thereof are as grasshoppers; that stretcheth out the heavens as a curtain, and spreadeth them out as a tent to dwell in:

That bringeth the princes to nothing; he maketh the judges of the earth as vanity.

Lift up your eyes on high, and behold who hath created these things, that bringeth out their host by number: he calleth them all by names by the greatness of his might, for that he is strong in power; not one faileth.

IV. Recitation of Creed.

V. Responses.

Superintendent. The heavens declare the glory of God,

School. And the firmament showeth his handiwork.

Sup. Day unto day uttereth speech,

School. And night unto night showeth knowledge.

Sup. There is no speech nor language where their voice is not heard.

School. Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.

Sup. In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun,

School. Which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a strong man to run a race.

Sup. His going forth is from the end of the heaven, and his circuit unto the ends of it:

School. And nothing is hid from the heat thereof.

Sup. The law of the Lord is perfect,

School. Converting the soul:

Sup. The testimonies of the Lord are sure,

School. Making wise the simple.

Sup. The statutes of the Lord are right,

School. Rejoicing the heart.

VI. Prayer.

Great God, Creator and Maker of all things, help us, thy children, to see thee, and adore thee in all the works of thy hand.

Thou hast made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all things that are therein, and thou hast not left thyself without witness among the children of men; for thou doest good always, giving us rain from heaven, and fruitful seasons, filling our mouths with food, and our hearts with gladness.

O Lord of heaven and earth, thou dwellest not in temples made with hands, neither art thou worshipped with men's hands, as though thou neededst anything. But thou givest to all, life, and breath, and all things. Grant us to seek thee, to feel after thee, and find thee; and may we ever remember that thou art not far from every one of us, for in thee we live, and move, and have our being. Open thou our eyes, and by thy Holy Spirit do thou shine into our minds, we pray thee, till the heavens, and the earth, and our own souls also, are full of God to our sight, and till we own thee, and magnify thee in them all. Amen.

VII. Chant.

VIII. Singing.

EIGHTH SERVICE.

THE LOVE OF GOD.

I. Singing.

II. Superintendent's Reading.

I love the Lord, because he hath heard my voice and my supplications.

Because he hath inclined his ear unto me, therefore will I call upon him as long as I live.

Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; yea, our God is merciful.

Return unto thy rest, O my soul; for the Lord hath dealt bountifully with thee.

III. Scripture Lesson. (Read Responsively.)

I John III.

Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.

Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.

Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law; for sin is the transgression of the law.

And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin.

Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him.

Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous.

My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.

And hereby we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before him.

For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things.

Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God.

And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight.

IV. Recitation of Creed.

V. Responses.

Superintendent. Bless the Lord, O my soul,

School. And all that is within me, bless his holy name:

Sup. Bless the Lord, O my soul,

School. And forget not all his benefits.

Sup. The Lord is merciful and gracious;

School. Slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy.

Sup. As the heaven is high above the earth,

School. So great is his mercy toward them that fear him.

Sup. As far as the east is from the west,

School. So far hath he removed our transgressions from us.

Sup. Like as a father pitieth his children,

School. So the Lord pitieth them that fear him.

Sup. The Lord hath prepared his throne in the heavens,

School. And his kingdom ruleth over all.

Sup. His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,

School. And his dominion endureth throughout all generations.

Sup. Oh give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good:

School. For his mercy endureth forever.

VI. Prayer.

O God, our heavenly Father, we come confidingly and trustingly to thee, because we know that thou art good. We know that thou art almighty; we know that thou art all-wise; but, oh, we are thankful that thou art almighty in thy love as in thy power; that thy wisdom is the wisdom of love; and as boundless as thy presence, so boundless is thy love to the children of men. Surely, goodness and mercy follow us all the days of our lives, and thy love maketh our cup to run over with blessings. O Lord, we are thy dependent children. We are poor, and weak, and sinful; but none of us are so poor but thy love can make us rich; none of us so weak but thy love can give us strength; none are so sinful but thy love will abound over all. Thou didst commend thy love to the world in that while all thy children had gone astray, thou didst send thy Son, that through him the world might be saved. As thou dost love us, so help us to love thee, and show our love by obedient service. Draw us very near to thee, and fold us there until our own hearts shall beat responsive to thine. May we walk continually with the consciousness that thy love is around us. Amen.

VII. Chant.

VIII. Singing.

NINTH SERVICE.

LOVE TO ONE ANOTHER.

I. Singing.

II. Superintendent's Reading.

These six things doth the Lord hate; yea, seven are an abomination unto him:

A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood;

A heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief;

A false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren.

III. Scripture Lesson. (Read Responsively.)

1 John iv.

Beloved, let us love one another; for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.

He that loveth not, knoweth not God; for God is love.

In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only-begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.

Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.

No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us.

Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit.

And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world.

Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him and he in God.

And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.

And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also.

IV. Recitation of Creed.

V. Responses.

Superintendent. A soft answer turneth away wrath,

School. But grievous words stir up anger.

Sup. Better is a dry morsel with quietness therewith,

School. Than a house full of sacrifices with strife.

Sup. He that hath a froward heart findeth no good,

School. And he that hath a perverse tongue falleth into mischief.

Sup. He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty,

School. And he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city.

Sup. Pride goeth before destruction,

School. And a haughty spirit before a fall.

Sup. The wicked worketh a deceitful work;

School. But to him that soweth righteousness shall be a sure reward.

Sup. If thine enemy hunger, feed him;

School. If he thirst, give him drink.

Sup. Be not overcome of evil,

School. But overcome evil with good.

VI. Prayer.

God of power and of wisdom: thou didst create us in love; thou hast watched over us in love; and thou wilt be to us a Father of love forever.

We desire to lift up our souls to thee in humble trust and with reverent affection, that we may come nearer to thee in feeling and action.

Thou hast manifested thyself to the world in many ways, but especially through thy Son Jesus Christ, who came to the earth because thou didst so greatly love our race, and who lived and taught among men that they might learn to serve thee, and to love each other better.

O holy Father, fill our hearts with love, such as dwelt in thy Son. May we be gentle and kind towards our parents, our brothers and sisters, and may we cherish and practise love towards all men, wherever we mingle or meet with them.

God of truth and mercy, may we love the poor, the sick, and the sorrowing of our race, and may we seek to do them good. Grant unto us such wisdom, and strength, to do thy will, that we may love our enemies, bless them that curse us, and pray for those that despitefully use us and persecute us. Amen.

VII. Chant.

VIII. Singing.

TENTH SERVICE.

DUTY TO PARENTS.

I. Singing.

II. Superintendent's Reading.

My son, keep thy father's commandment, and forsake not the law of thy mother:

Bind them continually upon thine heart, and tie them about thy neck.

When thou goest, it shall lead thee; when thou sleepest, it shall keep thee; and when thou awakest, it shall talk with thee.

For the commandment is a lamp; and the law is light; and reproofs of instruction are the way of life.

III. Scripture Lesson. (Read Responsively.) From Prov. and Eccl.

Now therefore hearken unto me, O ye children: for blessed are they that keep my ways.

Hear instruction, and be wise, and refuse it not.

Blessed is the man that heareth me, watching daily at my gates, waiting at the posts of my doors.

For whoso findeth me findeth life, and shall obtain favor of the Lord.

But he that sinneth against me wrongeth his own soul: all they that hate me love death.

Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right.

Honor thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise;

That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth.

Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years

draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them.

Rejoice, O young man, in thy youth; and let thy heart cheer thee in the days of thy youth, and walk in the ways of thine heart, and in the sight of thine eyes: but know thou, that for all these things God will bring thee into judgment.

Therefore remove sorrow from thy heart, and put away evil from thy flesh.

IV. Recitation of Creed.

V. Responses.

Superintendent. A wise son maketh a glad father;

School. But a foolish man despiseth his mother.

Sup. Children, obey your parents in the Lord;

School. For this is right.

Sup. Which is the first commandment with promise?

School. Honor thy father and thy mother, that thy days may be long on the earth.

Sup. Good understanding giveth favor:

School. But the way of transgressors is hard.

Sup. Even a child is known by his doings,

School. Whether his work be pure, and whether it be right.

Sup. Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly,

School. Nor standeth in the way of sinners,

Sup. Nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful,

School. But whose delight is in the law of the Lord.

Sup. The path of the just is as the shining light,

School. That shineth more and more unto the perfect day.

VI. Prayer.

O God, our Friend and Father in heaven, we desire to realize that all our blessings come from thee.

Thou hast given us parents, brothers and sisters, and many dear relatives and friends. We pray for wisdom, to comprehend the sacredness of all these gifts.

Thou knowest, heavenly Father, how much, under thee, we owe to our earthly parents; how deep, and broad, and high, their interest and love for us; how much, from the beginning of our existence until now, they have suffered and done for our good.

Aid us, O thou Infinite and Holy One, we pray thee, that we may know and do our whole duty to them. In childhood and youth, may we strive to repay them for what they have done, and are still doing for us. May we never give them pain by any indifference to their wishes, nor because we are guilty of private vice or public sin; but may we always give them pleasure and cause for true gratitude to thee, by a ready response to all their Christian demands, and by our continual growth in all the graces of true life give thee praise and glory through thy Son and our Saviour forever. Amen.

VII. CHANT.

VIII. SINGING.

ELEVENTH SERVICE.

SEEKING WISDOM.

I. Singing.

II. Superintendent's Reading.

Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding.

Exalt her, and she shall promote thee: she shall bring thee to honor when thou dost embrace her.

She shall give to thine head an ornament of grace: a crown of glory shall she deliver to thee.

Hear, Oh my son, and receive my sayings; and the years of thy life shall be many.

III. Scripture Lesson. (Read Responsively.) 1 Kings iii. 5-14.

In Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night: and God said, Ask what I shall give thee.

And Solomon said, Thou has showed unto thy servant David my father great mercy, according as he walked before thee in truth, and in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart with thee; and thou hast kept for him this great kindness, that thou hast given him a son to sit on his throne, as it is this day.

And now, Oh Lord my God, thou hast made thy servant king instead of David my father: and I am but a little child: I know not how to go out or come in.

And thy servant is in the midst of thy people which thou hast chosen, a great people, that cannot be numbered or counted for multitude.

Give therefore thy servant an understanding heart

to judge thy people, that I may discern between good and bad; for who is able to judge this thy so great a people?

And the speech pleased the Lord, that Solomon had asked this thing.

And God said unto him, Because thou hast asked this thing, and hast not asked for thyself long life; neither hast asked riches for thyself, nor has asked life of thine enemies; but hast asked for thyself understanding to discern judgment;

Behold, I have done according to thy word; lo, I have given thee a wise and understanding heart; so that there was none like thee before thee, neither after thee shall any arise like unto thee.

And I have also given thee that which thou hast not asked, both riches and honor: so that there shall not be any among the kings like unto thee all thy days.

And if thou will walk in my ways, to keep my statutes and my commandments, as thy father David did walk, then I will lengthen thy days.

IV. Recitation of Creed.

V. Responses.

Superintendent. Happy is the man that findeth wisdom,

School. And the man that getteth understanding.

Sup. For the merchandise of it is better than the merchandise of silver,

School. And the gain thereof than fine gold.

Sup. She is more precious than rubies,

School. And all the things thou canst desire are not to be compared unto her.

Sup. Length of days is in her right hand,

School. And in her left hand riches and honor.

Sup. Her ways are ways of pleasantness,
School. And all her paths are peace.
Sup. But where shall wisdom be found?
School. And where is the place of understanding?
Sup. It cannot be gotten for gold,
School. Neither shall silver be weighed for the price thereof.
Sup. Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom;
School. And to depart from evil is understanding.

VI. Prayer.

Our Father in heaven, we have need of a friend, and there is none so good as thou. Others may forsake us, thou wilt not. We come now again to thee in prayer; oh meet us at the throne of grace, and graciously hear and answer our petitions. We are weak, thou hast strength; come thou and bless us. We are poor, thou art rich; come thou and enrich our minds with thy great wisdom, and our hearts with thy tender love. We are ignorant, thou knowest all things; come thou and enlighten us with the knowledge of thee, which gives eternal life. We lack the wisdom of thy word; wilt thou help us to possess it; aid us as we strive to understand it. Make us wise in its holy counsels. We lack the wisdom of thy Son; assist us that we may obtain it, and become more like him. May his precious words of wisdom be written on our hearts. May his blessed life, so full of holy deeds, shine always before us, and lead us in the ways of pleasantness and peace. May all thy lights shine before us, and bring us wholly to thee, that we may walk with the dear Redeemer, and glorify thy name forever. Amen.

VII. Chant.

VIII. Singing.

TWELFTH SERVICE.

DIVINE PROVIDENCE.

I. Singing.

II. Superintendent's Reading.

Oh sing unto the Lord a new song; for he hath done marvelous things: his right hand, and his holy arm, hath gotten him the victory.

The Lord hath made known his salvation: his righteousness hath he openly showed in the sight of the heathen.

He hath remembered his mercy and his truth toward the house of Israel: all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth: make a loud noise, and rejoice, and sing praise.

III. Scripture Lesson. (Read Responsively.) Matt. vi. 24-34.

No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought of your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?

Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?

Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature?

And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider

the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin:

And yet I say unto you, that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to-day is, and to-morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, Oh ye of little faith?

Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?

(For after all these things do the Gentiles seek): for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things,

But seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

Take, therefore, no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.

IV. Recitation of Creed.

V. Responses.

Superintendent. Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;

School. And his greatness is unsearchable.

Sup. One generation shall praise thy works to another,

School. And shall declare thy mighty acts.

Sup. I will speak of the glorious honor of thy majesty,

School. And thy wondrous works.

Sup. The Lord is gracious and full of compassion;

School. Slow to anger, and of great mercy.

Sup. The Lord is good to all;

School. And his tender mercies are over all his works.

Sup. All thy works shall praise thee, Oh Lord;

School. And thy saints shall bless thee.

Sup. The eyes of all wait upon thee;

School. And thou givest them their meat in due season.

Sup. Thou openest thine hand,

School. And satisfiest the desire of every living thing.

VI. Prayer.

Father in heaven! once again we seek thy face. May it please thee to bless us, and keep us while here. Oh our God, great is thy love to us. Thou hast blessed us from our earliest days. Our fathers and mothers were given by thee, and all their love and tender care were the outpouring of thy love, flowing through their hearts to us. The homes that shelter us, the food that nourishes, and the raiment that clothes us, are the gifts of thy hand. Thou art the giver of all good. Thou art our fortress, our rock, and our shield. We live, and move, and have our being in thee. Thou art our all. Help us, Lord, to feel thy nearness to us, that we may ever say, "Thou, God, seest me." Give us grace, and trust, and hope. Lift our hearts above all doubt and fear. Chase away every cloud of darkness from our minds, and smile upon us through thy Son. And to thee, through his name, will we ascribe praises forevermore. Amen.

VII. Chant.

VIII. Singing.

THIRTEENTH SERVICE.

THE PROMISES OF GOD.

I. Singing.

II. Superintendent's Reading.

Oh give thanks unto the Lord; call upon his name, make known his deeds among the people.

He is the Lord our God: his judgments are in all the earth. He hath remembered his covenant forever, the word which he commanded to a thousand generations.

Which covenant he made with Abraham, and his oath unto Isaac;

And confirmed the same unto Jacob for a law, and to Israel for an everlasting covenant.

III. Scripture Lesson. (Read Responsively.) Heb. vi. 10-19.

God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labor of love, which ye have showed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister.

And we desire that every one of you do show the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end:

That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

For when God made promise to Abraham, because he could swear by no greater, he swore by himself,

Saying, Surely, blessing I will bless thee, and multiplying I will multiply thee.

He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God;

And being fully persuaded, that what he had promised he was able also to perform.

And therefore it was imputed to him for righteousness.

And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise.

For men verily swear by the greater; and an oath for confirmation is to them an end of all strife.

Wherein God, willing more abundantly to show unto the heirs of promise the immutability of his counsel, confirmed it by an oath:

That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us:

Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which entereth into that within the veil.

IV. Recitation of Creed.

V. Responses.

Superintendent. Godliness is profitable unto all things,

School. Having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come.

Sup. Cast not away, therefore, your confidence,

School. Which hath great recompense of reward.

Sup. Blessed is the man that endureth temptation,

School. For when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.

Sup. This is the promise that he hath promised us,

School. Even eternal life.

Sup. Delight thyself in the Lord, and he shall give thee the desires of thy heart.

School. Trust also in him, and he shall bring it *to pass.*

Sup. Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for him.

School. Fret not thyself because of him that prospereth in the way.

Sup. Trust in the Lord,

School. For he hath said, I will never leave thee nor forsake thee.

Sup. Let us hold fast the profession of our faith;

School. For he is faithful that promised.

VI. Prayer.

Our Father who art in heaven, we come to thee in childlike trust, asking thee to hear our prayer. Whom have we in heaven but thee, and who on earth should claim our love as thou, Father of our spirits? We thank thee for all thy gracious words. We thank thee for thy promises, so precious and true. And, as we meet here to-day, around this altar, and think of all thy tender mercies, we would call upon our souls, and all that is within us, to praise and glorify thy name. Oh our God, without thy word to guide us, how dark would be our lives. But thou art rich in mercy and goodness. And while we thank thee for life and health, for friendship and friends, we would, above all, adore thy grace, and praise thy love, which gave thy Son to save us from sin, and bring us to thee! Thou art our Father, and we pray that thou wilt teach us to trust in thee. Make us stronger while we read thy holy word; fill our hearts with truth and peace, and keep our feet from the ways of evil. Amen.

VII. Chant.

VIII. Singing.

FOURTEENTH SERVICE.

GOODNESS ITS OWN REWARD.

I. Singing.

II. Superintendent's Reading.

Oh taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the man that trusteth in him.

Oh fear the Lord, ye his saints; for there is no want to them that fear him.

Oh how great is thy goodness, which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee; which thou hast wrought for them that trust in thee before the sons of men.

The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger; but they that seek the Lord shall not want any good thing.

III. Scripture Lesson. (Read Responsively.) Matt. vii. 18-29.

A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.

Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down and cast into the fire.

Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.

Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?

And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock:

And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not; for it was founded upon a rock.

And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand;

And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell; and great was the fall of it.

And it came to pass, when Jesus had ended these sayings, the people were astonished at his doctrine;

For he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.

IV. Recitation of Creed.

V. Responses.

Superintendent. A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches,

School. And loving favor rather than silver and gold.

Sup. A sound heart is the life of the flesh;

School. And a good man shall be satisfied from himself.

Sup. The liberal deviseth liberal things,

School. And by liberal things shall he stand.

Sup. He that trusteth in his riches shall fall;

School. But the righteous shall flourish as a branch.

Sup. There shall no evil happen to the just:

School But the wicked shall be filled with mischief.

Sup. The hope of the righteous shall be gladness:

School. But the expectation of the wicked shall perish.

Sup. What man is he that desireth life, and loveth many days, that he may see good?

School. Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile.

Sup. Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright;

School. For the end of that man is peace.

VI. Prayer.

Infinite and ever blessed God, we praise and magnify thy holy name. May we hallow it upon our lips, and in our lives this day. We rejoice that thou art our Father, Benefactor, and everlasting Friend. Thy heavenly care, and love, attend us every moment. Thy blessings come to us as freely as the air we breathe, and the light by which we see. Thou art royal in benevolence. Let us sing praises unto thee, and rejoice in the God of our salvation. We thank thee, our Father, for that divine nature which we inherit from thee. We thank thee that thou hast made goodness its own reward. Help us to find and follow the true and perfect life. Bless our Sabbath school, all its members and all its means of doing good. Aid us by thy good Spirit, that our thoughts may be rightly directed, and our hearts filled with fervent devotion. Forgive us all our sins, sanctify us by thy truth, and save us in thy kingdom, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

VII. Chant.

VIII. Singing.

FIFTEENTH SERVICE.

OFFICES AND CHARACTER OF CHRIST.

I. Singing.

II. Superintendent's Reading.

The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together against the Lord, and against his Anointed;

Yet have I set my King upon my holy hill of Zion.

I will declare the decree: the Lord hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee.

Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession.

III. Scripture Lesson. (Read Responsively.) John VI. and VII.

Now, about the midst of the feast, Jesus went up into the temple, and taught.

And the Jews marvelled, saying, How knoweth this man letters, having never learned?

Jesus answered them, and said, My doctrine is not mine, but his that sent me.

If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself.

All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.

For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will: but the will of him that sent me.

And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me, I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day.

And this is the will of him that sent me, that every

one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.

The Jews then murmured at him, because he said, I am the bread which came down from heaven.

And they said, Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? how is it then that he saith, I came down from heaven?

Jesus therefore answered and said unto them, Murmur not among yourselves.

No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him; and I will raise him up at the last day.

IV. Recitation of Creed.

V. Responses.

Superintendent. Thy mercy, O Lord, is in the heavens;

School. And thy faithfulness reacheth unto the clouds.

Sup. Thy righteousness is like the great mountains;

School. And thy judgments are like a great deep.

Sup. How excellent is thy loving-kindness, O God!

School. Therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of thy wings.

Sup. They shall be abundantly satisfied with the fatness of thy house.

School. And thou shalt make them drink of the river of thy pleasures.

Sup. For with thee is the fountain of life;

School. In thy light shall we see light.

Sup. The people which sat in darkness saw great light;

School. And to them which sat in the region and shadow of death light is sprung up.

Sup. For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness,

School. Hath shined in our hearts;

Sup. To give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God,

School. In the face of Jesus Christ.

VI. Prayer.

Gracious Father of us all, and the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ; we thank thee for thy goodness, and especially now for that goodness manifested in sending thy Son to be the Saviour of the world. He came to teach us of thee. He first showed us the face of our Father, for no man cometh unto the Father but by him.

We thank thee, O God, for all that Jesus has been and is to our race; for him as our Good Shepherd, leading us into the green pastures, and by the side of the still waters of life; for him as our Guide, and while he points out the road, himself leads the way to heaven; for him as our Redeemer, who will not fail nor be discouraged, till he has set judgment in the earth, till he has restored the last wanderer, wiped the tears from every eye, and there is one fold and one Shepherd. Oh keep us in his and in thy love. We ask all through him who loved us and died for us. Amen.

VII. Chant.

VIII. Singing.

SIXTEENTH SERVICE.

SUPPLICATION AND PRAYER.

I. Singing.

II. Superintendent's Reading.

When the Lord shall build up Zion, he shall appear in his glory.

He will regard the prayer of the destitute, and not despise their prayer.

This shall be written for the generation to come: and the people which shall be created shall praise the Lord.

For he hath looked down from the height of his sanctuary; from heaven did the Lord behold the earth;

To hear the groaning of the prisoner; to loose those that are appointed to death.

III. Scripture Lesson. (Read Responsively.)

1 Tim. ii.: Matt. vi.

I exhort, therefore, that first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men;

For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.

For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour;

Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.

For there is one God, and one Mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;

Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.

And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the

hypocrites are; for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily, I say unto you, they have their reward.

But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.

But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking.

Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of before ye ask him.

IV. Recitation of Creed.

V. Responses.

Superintendent. Our Father which art in heaven,

School. Hallowed be thy name.

Sup. Thy kingdom come;

School. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Sup. Give us this day our daily bread;

School. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.

Sup. And lead us not into temptation,

School. But deliver us from evil:

Sup. For thine is the kingdom, and the power,

School. And the glory, forever. Amen.

Sup. For if ye forgive men their trespasses,

School. Your heavenly Father will also forgive you.

Sup. But if ye forgive not men their trespasses,

School. Neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

Sup. Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed.

School. The effectual, fervent prayer of the righteous man availeth much.

VI. Prayer.

Merciful God, Father of our spirits; to thee we offer up our prayer and supplication. We thank thee that thou hast promised to hear us when we pray. We bless thee, Oh, Lord, that Jesus has told us that thou art our Father; that thou lovest us with a love greater even than the love of our earthly parents. We come to thee, therefore, with the confidence and affection of children. We beseech thee to teach us how to pray, that we may ask aright and for those things which we need; for those things which will make us good, and useful, and happy.

And we desire, Oh our Father, that we may always have the spirit of supplication in our hearts; that we may remember we are dependent on thee for all our blessings. Lead us, Oh God, to look to thee for all that we want, and to pray for thy blessing on all that we do. May we each day look to thee for our daily bread, for the forgiveness of our sins, and for deliverance from temptation. And so, with the spirit of prayer always in our hearts, may thy kingdom come, and thy will be done in us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

VII. Chant.

VIII. Singing.

SEVENTEENTH SERVICE.

THE EXCELLENCY OF FAITH.

I. Singing.

II. Superintendent's Reading.

Oh Lord, thou hast searched me and known me.

Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising; thou understandest my thoughts afar off.

Thou compassest my path and my lying down, and art acquainted with all my ways.

For there is not a word in my tongue, but, lo, Oh Lord, thou knowest it altogether.

Thou hast beset me behind and before, and laid thine hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high; I cannot attain unto it.

III. Scripture Lesson. (Read Responsively.) Matt. ix. 18-31.

While he spake these things unto them, behold, there came a certain ruler, and worshipped him, saying, My daughter is even now dead: but come and lay thy hand upon her, and she shall live.

And Jesus arose and followed him, and so did his disciples.

And, behold, a woman, which was diseased with an issue of blood twelve years, came behind him, and touched the hem of his garment:

For she said within herself, If I may but touch his garment I shall be whole.

But Jesus turned him about, and when he saw her, he said, Daughter, be of good comfort; thy faith hath made thee whole. And the woman was made whole from that hour.

And when Jesus came into the ruler's house, and saw the minstrels and the people making a noise,

He said unto them Give place; for the maid is not dead, but sleepeth. And they laughed him to scorn.

But when the people were put forth, he went in and took her by the hand, and the maid arose.

And the fame hereof went abroad into all that land.

And when Jesus departed thence, two blind men followed him, crying, and saying, Thou Son of David, have mercy on us.

And when he was come into the house, the blind men came to him: and Jesus saith unto them, Believe ye that I am able to do this? They said unto him, Yea, Lord.

Then touched he their eyes, saying, According to your faith be it unto you.

And their eyes were opened; and Jesus straitly charged them, saying, See that no man know it.

But they, when they were departed, spread abroad his fame in all that country.

IV. Recitation of Creed.

V. Responses.

Superintendent. I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills,

School. From whence cometh my help?

Sup. My help cometh from the Lord,

School. Which made heaven and earth.

Sup. He will not suffer thy foot to be moved;

School. He that keepeth thee will not slumber.

Sup. Return unto thy rest, Oh my soul,

School. For the Lord hath dealt bountifully with thee.

Sup. For thou hast delivered my soul from death,

School. My eyes from tears, and my feet from falling.

Sup. I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

School. I will offer to thee the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and will call upon the name of the Lord.

Sup. The salvation of the righteous is of the Lord;

School. He is their strength in the time of trouble.

Sup. And the Lord shall help them and deliver them,

School. Because they trust in him.

VI. Prayer.

Oh God, our Heavenly Father, we thank thee for the faith by which thou art made manifest to our souls. We know thou art not far from every one of us, and we pray that we may feel thy presence here to-day. Help us to see thee as thou art—our kind and loving Father—that we may lean upon thee in our weakness and dependence, and feel that thou art our everlasting strength. Oh Lord, increase our faith in thee, and in thy dear Son. May we look unto Jesus as the Good Shepherd, who loveth the lambs of the fold. And may we come to thee, as the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who art above all, and through all, and in all. Teach us, Oh, God, the value of our faith. When we are tempted to turn aside from the path of right, may it keep us from the evil. When the world seems cold and dark, may it warm our hearts, and light our pathway, and fill our minds with cheerful thoughts. Amen.

VII. Chant.

VIII. Singing.

EIGHTEENTH SERVICE.

JOYFUL HOPE.

I. Singing.

II. Superintendent's Reading.

While I live will I praise the Lord: I will sing praises unto my God while I have any being.

Put not your trust in princes, nor in the son of man, in whom there is no help.

His breath goeth forth, he returneth to his earth; in that very day his thoughts perish.

Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the Lord his God:

Which made heaven, and earth, the sea, and all that therein is; which keepeth truth forever.

III. Scripture Lesson. (Read Responsively.) Rom. v. and Titus iii.

Therefore, being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ;

By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also; knowing that tribulation worketh patience;

And patience, experience, and experience, hope:

And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.

For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die.

But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy, he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;

Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour;

That, being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

IV. Recitation of Creed.

V. Responses.

Superintendent. Why are thou cast down, O my soul.

School. And why art thou disquieted within me?

Sup. Hope thou in God;

School. For I shall yet praise him for the help of his countenance.

Sup. The Lord will command his loving-kindness in the day-time,

School. And in the night his song shall be with me.

Sup. Our soul waiteth for the Lord:

School. He is our help and our shield.

Sup. Let thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us.

School. According as we hope in thee.

Sup. Except the Lord build the house,

School. They labor in vain that build it.

Sup. Except the Lord keep the city,

School. The watchman waketh but in vain.

Sup. Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart,

School. All ye that hope in the Lord.

VI. Prayer.

Source of all life and hope! to thee do we look up in prayer, as thou hast taught us in thy Word. Thou

art the fountain of all holiness. Thou art the strength of our lives. We thank thee, O our Father, for all thy mercies. Help us to turn our thoughts to thee, and open our hearts that we may receive thy Holy Spirit.

And while we think of thee, and all thy kindness to us, may our hearts grow strong in hope, for by hope are we saved. May we never be cast down, but still hope and trust in thee. May we battle with our sins in the hope of victory. May we be cheerful in sickness, with the hope of health. May we be patient in affliction, with the hope that thou wilt lift every burden from our hearts. Help us, we pray thee, as we hope for happiness and peace, so to direct our lives that we may receive and enjoy the fulfilment of our hope. And to thy name be all the praise forevermore. Amen.

VII. CHANT.

VIII. SINGING.

NINETEENTH SERVICE.

THE FIRST OF THE CHRISTIAN GRACES.

I. Singing.

II. Superintendent's Reading.

Blessed in he that considereth the poor: the Lord will deliver him in time of trouble.

The Lord will preserve him and keep him alive; and he shall be blessed upon the earth; and thou wilt not deliver him unto the will of his enemies.

Lord, thou hast heard the desire of the humble; thou wilt prepare their heart; thou wilt cause thine ear to hear;

To judge the fatherless and the oppressed, that the man of the earth may no more oppress.

III. Scripture Lesson. (Read Responsively.) I Cor. xiii.

Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.

And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing.

And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing.

Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up,

Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil;

Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth;

Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.

Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away.

For we know in part, and we prophesy in part.

But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.

When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things.

For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face; now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.

And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.

IV. Recitation of Creed.

V. Responses.

Superintendent. Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbor, and hate thine enemy;

School. But I say unto you, love your enemies,

Sup. Bless them that curse you,

School. Do good to them that hate you,

Sup. And pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;

School. That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven;

Sup. For he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good,

School. And sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.

Sup. Bear ye one another's burdens,

School. And so fulfill the law of Christ.

Sup. For all the law is fulfilled in one word,

School. Even in this: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.

Sup. Be ye therefore perfect,

School. Even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.

Sup. And let us not be weary in well-doing:

School. For in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

VI. Prayer.

Father in heaven, we hallow thy name, for it is Love. Thou hast required us to have faith in thee, and we do believe. Thou hast bid us hope in thee, and we are hopeful. Yet more than all hast thou enjoined upon us that charity which "believeth all things, and hopeth all things," and which in itself comprehends all Christian graces. Most fervently do we pray that this spirit may live in our hearts, and find expression in our lives. Oh, deepen within us the conviction that charity is the substance of the Christian life, and that without it we are nothing as we ought to be. O blessed Father, lift us above the narrow and selfish, into thy loving presence. Bless all who wait around this altar with an ever-growing love. Let us feel thy nearness as a welcome reality in all our labors, pleasures, joys and sorrows, and in all our aspirations. And whithersoever our various paths may lead, may we cherish with unspeakable joy that companionship which shall guide us to the feast of charity, and to the kingdom of heaven. Amen.

VII. Chant.

VIII. Singing.

TWENTIETH SERVICE.

THE DUTY OF FORGIVENESS.

I. Singing.

II. Superintendent's Reading.

Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

Blessed is the man unto whom the Lord imputeth not iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no guile.

Rejoice the soul of thy servant; for unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.

For thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive; and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon thee.

III. Scripture Lesson. (Read Responsively.) Matt. xviii.

Then came Peter to him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me and I forgive him? till seven times?

Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times, but until seventy times seven.

Therefore is the kingdom of heaven likened unto a certain king, which would take account of his servants.

And when he had begun to reckon, one was brought unto him which owed him ten thousand talents.

But forasmuch as he had not to pay, his lord commanded him to be sold, and his wife, and children, and all that he had, and payment to be made.

The servant therefore fell down and worshipped him, saying, Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay thee all.

Then the lord of that servant was moved with compassion, and loosed him, and forgave him the debt.

But the same servant went out, and found one of his fellow-servants which owed him a hundred pence; and he laid hands on him, and took him by the throat, saying, Pay me that thou owest.

And his fellow-servant fell down at his feet and besought him, saying, Have patience with me, and I will pay thee all.

And he would not; but went and cast him into prison, till he should pay the debt.

So when his fellow-servants saw what was done, they were very sorry, and came and told unto their lord all that was done.

Then his lord, after he had called him, said unto him, O thou wicked servant, I forgave thee all that debt, because thou desiredst me:

Shouldst not thou also have had compassion on thy fellow-servant, even as I had pity on thee?

And his lord was wroth, and delivered him to the tormentors, till he should pay all that was due unto him.

So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses.

IV. Recitation of Creed.

V. Responses.

Superintendent. The Lord God is merciful and gracious,

School. Long-suffering, and abundant in goodness and truth.

Sup. Keeping mercy for thousands,

School. Forgiving iniquity, transgression and sin.

Sup. Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven,

School. And in whose spirit there is no guile.

Sup. The Lord is gracious and full of compassion;

School. Slow to anger, and of great mercy.

Sup. The Lord is good to all,

School. And his tender mercies are over all his works.

Sup. Let thy work appear unto thy servants,

School. And thy glory unto their children.

Sup. It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord,

School. To show forth his loving-kindness in the morning, and his faithfulness every night.

VI. Prayer.

Our Father in heaven, we thank thee that we are permitted to pray to thee; tell thee what is in our hearts, to confess to thee all our sins and wrong-doing, and feel that thou wilt hear us, and forgive us, and bless us. Teach us, Lord, to love our enemies, to do good to those who hate us, and to pray for those who despitefully use us. Give us the love of Jesus, who prayed for his murderers on the cross, and help us to feel that we ought to follow him in all things. Gracious Father, fill our hearts with the spirit of his forgiveness toward all who offend us or speak evil against us, or do us any kind of injury, so that we may be truly his disciples. And through him we will give to thee all the praise and the glory forever. Amen.

VII. Chant.

VIII. Singing.

TWENTY-FIRST SERVICE.

THE BLESSED LIFE.

I. Singing.

II. Superintendent's Reading.

I waited patiently for the Lord; and he inclined unto me and heard my cry.

He brought me up also out of a horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings.

And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the Lord.

Blessed is that man that maketh the Lord his trust, and respecteth not the proud, nor such as turn aside to lies.

III. Scripture Lesson. (Read Responsively.) From the Gospels.

And, behold, one came and said unto him, Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life?

And he said unto him, Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God: but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments.

The life is more than meat, and the body is more than raiment.

And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth.

I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth

nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.

Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

For as the Father hath life in himself, so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself.

I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman.

Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away; and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.

Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.

Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.

IV. Recitation of Creed.

V. Responses.

Superintendent. Blessed are the poor in spirit;

School. For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Sup. Blessed are they that mourn;

School. For they shall be comforted.

Sup. Blessed are the meek;

School. For they shall inherit the earth.

Sup. Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness;

School. For they shall be filled.

Sup. Blessed are the merciful;

School. For they shall obtain mercy.

Sup. Blessed are the poor in heart;

School. For they shall see God.

Sup. Blessed are the peace-makers;

School. For they shall be called the children of God.

Sup. Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake;

School. For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

VI. Prayer.

Gracious Father and Friend! As children we have come together to receive the blessing thou hast promised to them that seek thee early. Help us to live in the light of thy goodness, and to be thankful for all the mercies we constantly enjoy. Teach us, O Lord, to hunger and thirst after righteousness, to be filled with its blessing, and to be satisfied with heavenly joy. May we live in peace with our companions, and cultivate friendship and love for all mankind. May we, even in childhood, learn to submit to the ways of thy Providence; that not only in health, but in sickness, not only in joy, but in sorrow, we may bow in submission to thy will. Great Teacher and Fountain of Wisdom, may we be thy scholars; may we come as willing pupils to the feet of Jesus, that our hearts may be enriched with the virtues of his life, and the blessings of his word. Grant, O Lord, that we may use this day to thine acceptance and to our spiritual good. Amen.

VII. Chant.

VIII. Singing.

TWENTY-SECOND SERVICE.

THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.

I. Singing.

II. Superintendent's Reading.

The Lord hath prepared his throne in the heavens; and his kingdom ruleth over all.

Bless the Lord, ye his angels, that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word.

Bless ye the Lord, all ye his hosts, ye ministers of his that do his pleasure.

Bless the Lord, all his works, in all places of his dominion; bless the Lord, O my soul.

III. Scripture Lesson. (Read Responsively.) Matt. xiii.; Mark iv.; Luke xvii.

And he said, Whereunto shall we liken the kingdom of God? or with what comparison shall we compare it?

It is like a grain of mustard-seed, which, when it is sown in the earth, is less than all the seeds that be in the earth;

But when it is sown, it groweth up, and becometh greater than all herbs, and shooteth out great branches, so that the fowls of the air may lodge under the shadow of it.

And he said, So is the kingdom of God, as if a man should cast seed into the ground;

And should sleep, and rise night and day, and the seed should spring and grow up, he knoweth not how.

For the earth bringeth forth fruit of herself; first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear.

But when the fruit is brought forth, immediately he putteth in the sickle, because the harvest is come.

Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field.

Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchantman seeking goodly pearls;

Who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them, and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation;

Neither shall they say, Lo here! or lo there! for behold, the kingdom of God is within you.

IV. Recitation of Creed.

V. Responses.

Superintendent. Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised,

School. In the city of our God, in the mountain of his holiness.

Sup. How great are his signs! and how mighty are his wonders!

School. His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and his dominion is from generation to generation.

Sup. O Lord God of hosts, who is a strong Lord like unto thee?

School. Or to thy faithfulness round about thee?

Sup. Justice and judgment are the habitation of thy throne;

School. Mercy and truth shall go before thy face.

Sup. Blessed is the people that know the joyful sound;

School. They shall walk, O Lord, in the light of thy countenance.

Sup. In thy name shall they rejoice all the day;

School. And in thy righteousness shall they be exalted.

Sup. For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink;

School. But righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.

Sup. Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness,

School. And all things needful shall be added unto you.

VI. Prayer.

Unto thee, O God, is due the gratitude and praise of every heart. Thou hast taught us in thy word, that thy kingdom is not meat and drink, but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost. Thy throne is in every heart; it is thy right to reign, and our duty to obey. Give unto us, O God, we pray thee, hearts to welcome the reign of truth. May it prove within us a power unto salvation. May it purify our affections, direct our thoughts towards heavenly things, and sanctify all our desires and pursuits. Fill all our hearts with thy spirit. Let thy righteousness and peace possess all our souls, that thy kingdom may come, and thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Make us faithful and obedient followers of thy Son, that our lives may be radiant like his. Keep us ever in thy love, that through thy grace we may overcome the world, enter into thy joy, and be crowned with thy salvation, through Jesus, our Master and Redeemer. Amen.

VII. Chant.

VIII. Singing.

TWENTY-THIRD SERVICE.

PATIENCE AND PARDON.

I. Singing.

II. Superintendent's Reading.

I will praise thee, O Lord, among the people; I will sing unto thee among the nations.

For thy mercy is great unto the heavens, and thy truth unto the clouds.

Who is a God like unto thee, that pardoneth iniquity, and passeth by the transgression of the remnant of his heritage? He retaineth not his anger forever, because he delighteth in mercy.

Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens; let thy glory be above all the earth.

III. Scripture Lesson. (Read Responsively.) Luke xv. 11-24.

And he said, A certain man had two sons:

And the younger of them said to his father, Father, give me the portion of goods that falleth to me. And he divided unto them his living.

And not many days after, the younger son gathered all together, and took his journey into a far country, and there wasted his substance with riotous living.

And when he had spent all, there arose a mighty famine in that land; and he began to be in want.

And he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country; and he sent him into his fields to feed swine.

And he would fain have filled his belly with the husks that the swine did eat; and no man gave unto him.

And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger!

I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee,

And am no more worthy to be called thy son; make me as one of thy hired servants.

And he arose and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him.

And the son said unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son.

But the father said to his servants, Bring forth the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet:

And bring hither the fatted calf, and kill it; and let us eat, and be merry:

For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found. And they began to be merry.

IV. Recitation of Creed.

V. Responses.

Superintendent. Enter not into the path of the wicked, and go not in the way of evil men.

School. If sinners entice thee, consent thou not.

Sup. Trust in the Lord with all thy heart, and lean not on thine own understanding.

School. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

Sup. Keep thy heart with all diligence;

School. For out of it are the issues of life.

Sup. Create in me, O Lord, a clean heart,

School. And renew a right spirit within me.

Sup. Open thou my lips;

School. And my mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Sup. For thou desirest not sacrifice, else would I give it;

School. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit.

Sup. The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart,

School. And saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.

Sup. Let us therefore search and try our ways;

School. Let us repent, and be converted, that our sins may be blotted out.

VI. Prayer.

Our Father and our God! We thank thee that thou lovest not only the wise, the great and the good, but thou rememberest the little child; thou art mindful of the humble and the weak, and art moved with compassion even toward the wayward. Help us to know our faults. May we learn to hate them, and to forsake them; and grant, O Lord, that in penitence we may come to thee for a Father's blessing. Thou art full of compassion. Grant that this day our lessons and our thoughts of thee may help us to see that holiness is beautiful; that obedience alone is blessed; that to be penitent and sorry for our sins is the way for us to return to thy arms, to receive thy favor, and to acquaint ourselves with thy love. Bless us this day. Save us from temptation, and fit us for every duty. Go with us through every trial; be our hope in death; and crown us at last to thy glory, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

VII. Chant.

VIII. Singing.

TWENTY-FOURTH SERVICE.

THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD.

I. Singing.

II. Superintendent's Reading.

Unto thee I lift up mine eyes, O thou that dwellest in the heavens.

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

Thy testimonies are wonderful; therefore doth my soul keep them.

The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple.

III. Scripture Lesson. (Read Responsively.) From the Gospel of St. John.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.

The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe.

He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light.

That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.

He that believeth on him is not condemned; but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.

For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved.

But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.

Nevertheless, among the chief rulers also many believed on him; but because of the Pharisees they did not confess him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue:

For they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God.

Jesus cried and said, He that believeth on me, believeth not on me, but on him that sent me.

And he that seeth me seeth him that sent me.

I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness.

Walk while we have the light, lest darkness come upon you; for he that walketh in darkness knoweth not whither he goeth.

While ye have light, believe in the light, that ye may be the children of light.

IV. Recitation of Creed.

V. Responses.

Superintendent. O Lord my God, thou art very great;

School. Thou art clothed with honor and majesty.

Sup. Who coverest thyself with light as with a garment;

School. Who stretchest out the heavens like a curtain.

Sup. Who maketh the clouds his chariot;

School. Who walketh upon the wings of the wind.

Sup. Who maketh his angels spirits;

School. His ministers a flaming fire.

Sup. Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,

School. God hath shined upon the world.

Sup. Awake, thou that sleepest; arise from the dead,

School. And Christ shall give thee light.

Sup. O Lord, withhold not thou the tender mercies from us.

School. Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee;

Sup. Let such as love thy salvation say continually,

School. The Lord be magnified.

VI. Prayer.

God of our salvation! We thank thee for the light of thy truth and the help of thy grace. As the world is made beautiful by the light of the sun, so may our souls receive beauty and strength from the gospel of Jesus Christ. Let the light of his life so shine into our hearts that there may be no darkness there. Let thy blessing rest upon our school, upon our teachers, our pastor, and our parents. Give success to the blessed work in which we are engaged. Increase our numbers and our zeal, and help us on each returning Sabbath to spend the day in thy praise. May we look to Jesus as our guide, and faithfully follow in his steps. May we let our light so shine before men that they may see our good works and be led to glorify thee. Let thy kingdom come, and thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

VII. Chant.

VIII. Prayer.

TWENTY-FIFTH SERVICE.

HEARING AND DOING.

I. Singing.

II. Superintendent's Reading.

Trust in the Lord, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.

Delight thyself also in the Lord; and he shall give thee the desires of thy heart.

Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass.

And he shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light, and thy judgment as the noonday.

Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for him: fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass.

III. Scripture Lesson. (Read Responsively.) Matt. vii. and viii.; James i. and ii.

Therefore speak I to them in parables: because they seeing see not, and hearing hear not, neither do they understand.

And in them is fulfilled the prophecy of Esaias, which saith, By hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and shall not perceive:

For this people's heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and should understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them.

But blessed are your eyes, for they see; and your ears, for they hear.

For verily I say unto you, That many prophets and righteous men have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen them; and to hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard them.

But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.

For if any be a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass;

For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was.

But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the word, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him?

If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food,

And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit?

Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.

Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works; show me thy faith without thy works, and I will show thee my faith by my works.

IV. Recitation of Creed.

V. Responses.

Superintendent. The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous,

School. And his ears are open unto their cry.

Sup. They lift up their voices unto the Lord,

School. And he delivereth them out of all their troubles.

Sup. But the face of the Lord is against them that do evil;

School. They cry in their trouble, and have none to help.

Sup. The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord;

School. And he delighteth in his way.

Sup. Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down;

School. For the hand of the Lord upholdeth him.

Sup. I have seen the wicked in great power, and spreading himself like a green bay tree.

School. Yet he passed away, and lo, he was not; yea, I sought him, but he could not be found.

Sup. Fret not thyself because of evil-doers,

School. Neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity.

Sup. Hearken unto the Lord and do good,

School. And he shall exalt thee to inherit the land.

VI. Prayer.

Oh Lord, our Heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day; defend us in the same with thy mighty power, and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings being ordered by thy governance, may be righteous in thy sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

VII. Chant.

VIII. Singing.

TWENTY-SIXTH SERVICE.

OUR HOME ON HIGH.

I. Singing.

II. Superintendent's Reading.

After this I beheld, and lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands;

And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.

And all the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God,

Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honor, and power, and might, be unto our God forever and ever. Amen.

III. Scripture Lesson. (Read Responsively.) 2 Cor. iv, v.

All things are for your sakes, that the abundant grace might through the thanksgiving of many redound to the glory of God.

For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day.

For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory:

While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things

which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.

For we know that, if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven:

If so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked.

For we that are in this tabernacle do groan, being burdened: not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up of life.

Now he that hath wrought us for the selfsame thing is God, who also hath given unto us the earnest of the Spirit.

Therefore we are always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord:

For we walk by faith, not by sight;

We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.

Wherefore we labor, that, whether present or absent, we may be accepted of him.

IV. Recitation of Creed.

V. Responses.

Superintendent. Lord, make us know our end, and the measure of our days,

School. That we may know how frail we are.

Sup. Our days are determined, the number of our months is with thee;

School. Thou hast appointed our bounds that we cannot pass.

Sup. So teach us to number our days—

School. That we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

Sup. May we glorify thee on the earth;

School. And finish the work thou hast given us to do.

Sup. When our flesh and our hearts fail,

School. Be thou the strength of our hearts, and our portion forever.

Sup. For here we have no continuing city,

School. But we seek one to come;

Sup. A city which hath foundations,

School. Whose builder and maker is God.

Sup. As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy;

School. And as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly.

Sup. And as we have borne the image of the earthy,

School. We shall also bear the image of the heavenly.

VI. Prayer.

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time, with one accord, to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two are three are gathered together in thy name thou will grant their requests; fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be most expedient for them; granting us, through Jesus Christ, the knowledge of thy truth and life everlasting. Amen.

VII. Chant.

VIII. Singing.

TWENTY-SEVENTH SERVICE.

FOR CHRISTMAS.

I. Singing.

II. Superintendent's Reading.

The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be.

And the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord;

And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the Lord: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears;

But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth.

III. Scripture Lesson. (Read Responsively.) Luke ii.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And, lo, the angel of the Lord came unto them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not; for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day, in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you; ye shall find

the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God, and saying,

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

And they came with haste, and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon; and the same man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel; and the Holy Ghost was upon him.

And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ.

And he came by the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him after the custom of the law,

Then took he him up in his arms, and blessed God, and said,

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word:

For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,

Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people:

A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel.

IV. Recitation of Creed.

V. Responses.

Superintendent. To them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,

School. Light is sprung up.

Sup. And this is the name whereby he shall be called,

School. *The Lord our Righteousness.*

Sup. He shall not fail, nor be discouraged, till he have set judgment in the earth;

School. And the isles shall wait for his law.

Sup. He shall have dominion from sea to sea.

School. And from the rivers unto the ends of the earth.

Sup. The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb,

School. And the leopard shall lie down with the kid,

Sup. And, the calf, and the young lion, and the fatling together;

School. And a little child shall lead them.

VI. Prayer.

Bountiful Giver of every blessing! We praise thee for the gift of thy well-beloved Son, whom thou didst send to be the Saviour of the world. We hail with joy this day which commemorates his birth. We would lift up our voices in songs of praise, in honor of thine Anointed, the desire of all nations. And we pray that our hearts may be more deeply impressed with thy great love, revealed to the world through this unspeakable gift. We thank thee that thou hast made thyself known to us in his pure precepts and spotless life. Help us, O God, so to receive him into our hearts, that we may glorify thy name, and establish peace and good-will among men. May the story of his life be impressed upon our minds. Sanctify us by his spirit, and save us in his kingdom, and thine shall be the praise forevermore. Amen.

VII. Chant.

VIII. Singing.

TWENTY-EIGHTH SERVICE.

FOR THE NEW YEAR.

I. Singing.

II. Superintendent's Reading.

The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together; for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

The voice said, Cry. And he said, What shall I cry? All flesh is grass, and all the goodliness thereof is as the flower of the field:

The grass withereth, the flower fadeth; because the spirit of the Lord bloweth upon it; surely the people is grass.

The grass withereth, the flower fadeth; but the word of our God shall stand forever.

III. Scripture Lesson. (Read Responsively.) xcth Psalm.

Lord, thou hast been our dwelling-place in all generations.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.

Thou turnest man to destruction, and sayest, Return, ye children of men.

For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night.

Thou carriest them away as with a flood, they are as a sleep; in the morning they are like grass which groweth up.

In the morning it flourisheth, and groweth up; in the evening it is cut down, and withereth.

Thou hast set our iniquities before thee, our secret sins in the light of thy countenance.

We spend our years as a tale that is told.

Make us glad according to the days wherein thou hast afflicted us, and the years wherein we have seen evil.

Let thy work appear unto thy servants, and thy glory unto their children.

And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us; and establish thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands, establish thou it.

Thou crownest the year with thy goodness, and thy paths drop fatness.

IV. Recitation of Creed.

V. Responses.

Superintendent. It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord,

School. And to sing praises unto thy name, O Most High;

Sup. To show forth thy loving-kindness in the morning,

School. And thy faithfulness every night.

Sup. Of old hast thou laid the foundation of the earth,

School. And the heavens are the work of thy hands.

Sup. They shall perish, but thou shalt endure.

School. Yea, all of them shall wax old like a garment;

Sup. As a vesture shalt thou fold them up, and they shall be changed;

School. But thou art the same, and thy years shall have no end.

Sup. As for man, his days are as grass;

School. As a flower of the field, so he flourisheth;

Sup. For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone, and the place thereof shall know it no more.

School. But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him;

Sup. And his righteousness unto children's children.

School. The Lord hath prepared his throne in the heavens, and his kingdom ruleth over all.

VI. Prayer.

O Lord of life and glory! Thou numberest the years as they pass away, and knowest the end from the beginning, and the future is as the present to thee. We stand at the beginning of another year, recalling the scenes that have faded away, as the hours have come and gone. Help us this day to remember the lessons of joy and sorrow we have learned, that we may turn to the future, with our hearts prepared for whatever in thy providence awaits us. We pray thee to forgive us for every neglect of duty, and for whatever we have done amiss. And do thou grant, O Lord, that in the year now before us we may live better and truer lives. Help us in every trial; guard us in all our temptations, and save us from every sin. Keep us in thy love from the fear of danger, and make us faithful in every good word and work. And when our years on earth are ended, take us to thyself in heaven, that we may sing thy praises and the praises of the Lamb forever. Amen.

VII. Chant.

VIII. Singing.

TWENTY-NINTH SERVICE.

FOR EASTER SUNDAY.

I. Singing.

II. Superintendent's Reading.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away.

For the love of Christ constraineth us: because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead;

And that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again.

III. Scripture Lesson. (Read Responsively.)

The first day of the week cometh Mary Magdalene early, when it was yet dark, unto the sepulchre, and seeth the stone taken away from the sepulchre.

Then she runneth, and cometh to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and saith unto them, They have taken away the Lord out of the sepulchre, and we know not where they have laid him.

Peter therefore went forth, and that other disciple, and came to the sepulchre.

So they ran both together; and the other disciple did outrun Peter, and came first to the sepulchre.

And he, stooping down and looking in, saw the linen clothes lying; yet went he not in.

Then cometh Simon Peter following him, and went into the sepulchre, and seeth the linen clothes lie,

And the napkin, that was about his head, not lying

with the linen clothes, but wrapped together in a place by itself.

Then went in also that other disciple, which came first to the sepulchre, and he saw, and believed.

For as yet they knew not the scripture, that he must rise again from the dead.

Then the disciples went away again unto their own home.

But Mary stood without at the sepulchre, weeping; and as she wept, she stooped down, and looked into the sepulchre,

And seeth two angels in white, sitting, the one at the head, and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain.

And they say unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? She saith unto them, Because they have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have laid him.

And when she had thus said, she turned herself back, and saw Jesus standing, and knew not that it was Jesus.

Jesus saith unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? whom seekest thou? She, supposing him to be the gardener, saith unto him, Sir, if thou have borne him hence, tell me where thou hast laid him, and I will take him away.

Jesus saith unto her, Mary. She turned herself, and saith unto him, Rabboni, which is to say, Master.

Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God.

IV. Recitation of Creed.

V. Responses.

Superintendent. The Lord shall comfort Zion;
School. He will comfort all her waste places.

Sup. He will make her wilderness like Eden,
School. And her desert like the garden of the Lord.
Sup. Joy and gladness shall be found therein,
School. Thanksgiving and the voice of melody.
Sup. The sun shall be no more thy light by day,
School. Neither for brightness shall the moon give her light.
Sup. But the Lord shall be thine everlasting light,
School. And thy God thy glory.
Sup. He will swallow up death in victory,
School. And wipe away tears from off all faces.

VI. Prayer.

O Thou who art our Father and our everlasting Friend, the giver of life and all its blessings! We come into thy presence with thankful hearts. And while we thank thee for the bounties of thy providence, we adore thy most holy name for the gift of thy Son. We thank thee for the life he lived, for the truth he taught, and for all the words of comfort which he has left for afflicted hearts. We thank thee that he lived for our instruction, that he died for our salvation, and rose again for our hope and consolation. Grant, O God, that we may ever look unto him as the author and finisher of our faith. And while we this day commemorate his resurrection from the dead, may we feel the power of his new and higher life, turning us from our sins, and lifting us nearer to thee. Help us to see him as our risen Saviour, and to hear his voice, saying, "Come unto me, all ye that are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest." May we be guided by his spirit, and through him live to thy glory forevermore. Amen.

VII. Chant.

VIII. Singing.

THIRTIETH SERVICE.

THANKSGIVING OR HARVEST HOME.

I. Singing.

II. Superintendent's Reading.

The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.

For he hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods.

He causeth the grass to grow for the cattle, and herb for the service of man; that he may bring forth food out of the earth.

O Lord, how manifold are thy works! In wisdom hast thou made them all; the earth is full of thy riches.

III. Scripture Lesson. (Read Responsively.) Acts xvii, 22-28.

Then Paul stood in the midst of Mars-hill, and said, Ye men of Athens, I perceive that in all things ye are too superstitious.

For as I passed by, and beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription, "To the Unknown God." Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, him declare I unto you.

God that made the world, and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands.

Neither is worshiped with men's hands, as though he needed anything, seeing he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things;

And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and

hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation;

That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from everyone of us;

For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring.

IV. Recitation of Creed.

V. Responses.

Superintendent. O come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation.

School. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms.

Sup. For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

School. In his hand are the deep places of the earth: the strength of the hills is his also.

Sup. The sea is his, and he made it: and his hands formed the dry land.

School. O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord our maker.

Sup. For he is our God; and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

VI. Prayer.

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we, thine unworthy servants, do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us, and to all men. We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but, above all, for thine inestimable love in the redemption

of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech thee, give us a due sense of all thy mercies that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we may show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives; by giving up ourselves to thy service and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our Redeemer. Amen.

VII. Chant.

VIII. Singing.

Tune, "America."

1 The God of harvest praise!
In loud thanksgiving raise
Hand, heart and voice;
The valleys smile and sing,
Forests and mountains ring,
The plains their tribute bring,
The streams rejoice.

2 Yea, bless his holy name
And purest thanks proclaim
Through all the earth!
To glory in your lot
Is duty; but be not
God's benefits forgot,
Amidst your mirth.

3 The God of harvest praise!
Hands, hearts and voices raise,
With sweet accord;
From field to garner throng,
Bearing your sheaves along,
And in your harvest song
Bless ye the Lord!

THIRTY-FIRST SERVICE.

FOR ALL-SOULS SUNDAY.

I. Singing.

II. Superintendent's Reading.

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,

Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

III. Scripture Lesson. (Read Responsively.)

Rev. xxi, 1-7.

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned before her husband.

And I heard a great voice out of heaven, saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make

all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful.

And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.

He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.

IV. Recitation of Creed.

V. Responses.

Superintendent. Despise not the chastening of the Lord;

School. Nor faint when thou art rebuked of him.

Sup. Though he cause grief, yet will he have compassion,

School. According to the multitude of his tender mercies.

Sup. He that goeth forth weeping, bearing precious seed,

School. Shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.

Sup. Weeping may endure for a night,

School. But joy cometh in the morning.

Sup. No man liveth unto himself,

School. And no man dieth unto himself;

Sup. Whether we live, we live unto the Lord,

School. And whether we die, we die unto the Lord.

Sup. Whether we live, therefore, or die, we are the Lord's.

School. Let us trust, then, in the Lord, and he will strengthen our hearts.

Sup. The Lord giveth, and the Lord taketh away;

School. Blessed be the name of the Lord.

VI. Prayer.

Our Creator and our Father, thou who hast made all souls, and whose children we all are, we thank thee for this blessed day. We thank thee for the words of the inspired prophet, who has assured us that all souls are thine; and for the teachings of thy Son, who has instructed us to call thee our Father. In this hour of fervent devotion our souls go out to thee in gratitude and joy. We bless thee that our hearts are created for goodness; and wilt thou aid us to get good from the gifts of thy love. We would enrich our souls with the fruits of peace and love, hope and faith. May we never be so overcome by sorrow as to despair; and when the night of death comes, may we find our comfort in him who is the resurrection and the life. And, we beseech thee, help us ever to remember that thou dwellest in all worlds, and that in thine own time thy Holy Spirit will seek out all souls and bring them to holiness and happiness. In this faith we all rejoice. For this faith may we all labor and sacrifice, till we all attain unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ. Amen.

VII. Chant.

VIII. Singing.

THIRTY-SECOND SERVICE.

FOR CHILDREN'S SUNDAY.

I. Singing.

II. Superintendent's Reading.

Come, ye children, hearken unto me: I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

What man is he that desireth life, and loveth many days, that he may see good?

Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile.

Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.

The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and his ears are open unto their cry.

The face of the Lord is against them that do evil, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.

III. Scripture Lesson. (Read Responsively.) Mark x, 13-16.

And they brought young children to him, that he should touch them; and his disciples rebuked those that brought them.

But when Jesus saw it, he was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of God.

Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein.

And he took them up in his arms, put his hands upon them, and blessed them.

IV. Recitation of Creed.

V. Responses.

Superintendent. Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

School. But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

Sup. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither, and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

School. The ungodly are not so: but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away.

Sup. Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

School. For the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

VI. Prayer.

We thank thee, O our Father, for the beautiful lessons of thy love, so frequent in the life of our Saviour: and especially, to-day, for his care and thine for children. We bless thee for the trust we have, that, however small, or weak, or unfortunate they may be, thou lovest them, and hast ordained them for the kingdom of Heaven. We thank thee for that blessed gift to mankind, the Gospel of Christ.

And, O our Father, may we remember thee, with love and true worship. May we listen to the call of Jesus and obey his word. May we be humble, enter into thy kingdom, and evermore enjoy his blessing. May we be wise, and seek and obey the truth. Bless us in our homes, and aid us by thy Holy Spirit, to do

our duty, at all times. Teach us how to pray, that we may have thy richest blessing; and may we be always thankful for thy Fatherly kindness. Amen.

VII. Chant.

VIII. Singing.

Tune, "Pilgrim."

1 Know, my soul, thy full salvation;
  Rise o'er sin, and fear, and care;
Joy to find, in every station,
  Something still to do or bear.
Think what Spirit dwells within thee;
  Think what Father's smiles are thine;
Think what Jesus did to win thee:
  Child of heaven, canst thou repine?

2 Haste thee on from grace to glory,
  Armed with faith and winged with prayer;
Heaven's eternal day's before thee,
  God's own hand shall guide thee there.
Soon shall close thine earthly mission,
  Soon shall pass thy pilgrim-days;
Hope shall change to glad fruition,
  Faith to sight, and prayer to praise.

THIRTY-THIRD SERVICE.

FOR PATRIOTIC ANNIVERSARIES.

I. SINGING.

II. SUPERINTENDENT'S READING.

We have heard with our ears, O God, our fathers have told us, what work thou didst in their days, in the times of old:

How thou didst drive out the heathen with thy hand, and plantedst them; how thou didst afflict the people, and cast them out.

For they got not the land in possession by their own sword, neither did their own arm save them; but thy right hand, and thine arm, and the light of thy countenance, because thou hadst a favor unto them.

III. SCRIPTURE LESSON. (READ RESPONSIVELY.)
LUKE xx and ROM. xiii.

And they asked him, saying, Master, we know that thou sayest and teachest rightly, neither acceptest thou the person of any, but teachest the way of God truly.

Is it lawful for us to give tribute unto Cæsar, or no?

But he perceived their craftiness, and said unto them, Why tempt ye me?

Show me a penny. Whose image and superscription hath it? They answered and said, Cæsar's.

And he said unto them, Render therefore unto Cæsar the things which be Cæsar's, and unto God the things which be God's.

Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers.

For there is no power but of God; the powers that be are ordained of God.

Whosoever, therefore, resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves condemnation.

For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? Do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same:

For he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil.

Wherefore ye must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake.

For, for this cause pay ye tribute also; for they are God's ministers, attending continually upon this very thing.

Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honor to whom honor.

Owe no man anything, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law.

IV. Recitation of Creed.

V. Responses.

Superintendent. Trust ye in the Lord forever;

School. For in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength;

Sup. For he bringeth down them that dwell on high;

School. The lofty city he layeth it low.

Sup. The way of the just is uprightness,

School. For the Lord weigheth the path of the just.

Sup. Yea, in the way of thy judgments, O Lord, have we waited for thee;

School. The desire of our soul is to thy name, and to the remembrance of thee.

Sup. Our fathers trusted in thee, O Lord;

School. They trusted, and thou didst deliver them.

Sup. They cried unto thee and were delivered;

School. They trusted in thee and were not confounded.

Sup. Righteousness exalteth a nation;

School. But sin is a reproach to any people.

VI. Prayer.

O thou who are the Ruler of nations, we bow before thee as the author of our liberty, and the source of every blessing. We would thank thee, this day, for the existence of our nation, and for all the blessings it has brought to us and to the world. May our hearts be moved by the memories of this hour, and may we remember the price our fathers paid for liberty. We thank thee for our Washington, and for all those who labored with him to establish the institutions under which we live. May their memories be kept fresh in the hearts of our people to the latest generation. We humbly beseech thee to give unto us the same spirit which inspired their hearts. Let thy blessing rest upon all the nations of the earth; and especially let thy favor be with our own beloved country. Fill our land with prosperity, and bless us with perpetual peace. Guide us through every peril; cleanse us as a people from every sin; and to thy name be all the glory forever and ever. Amen.

VII. Chant.

VIII. Singing.

THIRTY-FOURTH SERVICE.

FOR THE OPENING OF A SCHOOL.

I. Singing.

II. Superintendent's Reading.

I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord.

When thou saidst, Seek ye my face; my heart said unto thee, Thy face, Lord, will I seek.

Thou hast been my help; leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.

When my father and my mother forsake me, then the Lord will take me up.

Teach me thy way, O Lord, and lead me in a plain path.

III. Scripture Lesson. (Read Responsively.) Matt. viii and Mark x.

At the same time came the disciples unto Jesus, saying, Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?

And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them,

And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.

Whosoever, therefore, shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

And whoso shall receive one such little child in my name receiveth me.

But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea.

Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, That in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven.

And they brought young children to him, that he should touch them; and his disciples rebuked those that brought them.

But when Jesus saw it, he was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of God.

Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein.

And he took them up in his arms, put his hands upon them, and blessed them.

IV. Recitation of Creed.

V. Responses.

Superintendent. This is the day which the Lord has made;

School. We will rejoice and be glad in it.

Sup. We come to thy house, O God, with the voice of joy and praise;

School. For all thy works do praise thee and magnify thy name.

Sup. One thing have we desired of the Lord; that will we seek after:

School. That we may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of our lives,

Sup. To behold the beauty of the Lord,

School. And to inquire in his holy temple.

Sup. Let us think of thy loving-kindness, O God,

School. Because thy loving-kindness is better than life,

Sup. In the midst of thy holy temple,

School. May our lips continually praise thee.

Sup. In the assembly of the upright, and in the congregation,

School. We will praise thee, O Lord, with our whole hearts.

Sup. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow us all the days of our lives,

School. And we will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

VI. Prayer.

O Thou, who art worthy the reverent love of all hearts, hear our prayer, and let thy paternal blessing rest upon this school, and upon all those who shall be gathered here from time to time to receive instruction. Enlighten their minds, and prepare them for the solemn responsibilities of life.

May faithful teachers take them to their very hearts, and, by living examples and affectionate appeals, win many souls to Christ. To this end may they be taught of God, baptized into the spirit of Jesus, and devote their energies to the highest welfare of the children. We beseech thee to assist those who may have the general oversight of this school.

Here may many souls be consecrated to thee, and, walking in the footsteps of the Master, find the "peace which passeth all understanding," and the "rest which remaineth for the people of God." Amen.

VII. Chant.

VIII. Singing.

THIRTY-FIFTH SERVICE.

THE ANNIVERSARY OF A SCHOOL.

I. Singing.

II. Superintendent's Reading.

We have thought of thy loving-kindness, O God, in the midst of thy temple.

According to thy name, O God, so is thy praise unto the ends of the earth; thy right hand is full of righteousness.

Let Mount Zion rejoice, let the daughters of Judah be glad because of thy judgments.

Walk about Zion, and go round about her; tell the towers thereof.

Mark ye well her bulwarks, consider her palaces; that ye may tell it to the generation following.

For this God is our God forever and ever: he will be our Guide even unto death.

III. Scripture Lesson. (Read Responsively.)

Matt. xxv.

The kingdom of heaven is as a man traveling into a far country, who called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods.

And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one; to every man according to his several ability; and straightway took his journey.

Then he that had received the five talents went and traded with the same, and made them other five talents.

And likewise he that had received two, he also gained other two.

But he that had received one went and digged in the earth and hid his lord's money.

After a long time the lord of those servants cometh, and reckoneth with them.

And so he that had received five talents came and brought other five talents, saying, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me five talents; behold, I have gained beside them five talents more.

His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

He also that had received two talents came and said, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me two talents; behold, I have gained two other talents beside them.

His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

Then he which had received the one talent came and said, Lord, I knew thee, that thou art a hard man, reaping where thou hast not sown, and gathering where thou hast not strewed;

And I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the earth: lo, there thou hast that is thine.

His lord answered and said unto him, Thou wicked and slothful servant, thou knewest that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I have not strewed:

Thou oughtest, therefore, to have put my money to the exchangers, and then at my coming I should have received mine own with usury.

Take therefore the talent from him, and give it unto him which hath ten talents.

For unto everyone that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance; but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath.

IV. Recitation of Creed.

V. Responses.

Superintendent: Blessed are they that fear the Lord,

School. That delight greatly in his commandments.

Sup. Blessed are the undefiled in the way,

School. Who walk in the law of the Lord.

Sup. Blessed are those servants whom the Lord shall find watching when he cometh.

School. They shall receive the crown of life which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.

Sup. What doth the Lord require of thee?

School. To do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with our God.

Sup. Lead us, O Lord, in thy righteousness,

School. And make thy way straight before us.

Sup. God is our guide forever and ever;

School. He will be our Guide even unto death.

VI. Prayer.

O Thou who art the high and holy One! We praise thee for all the blessings thou hast placed along our pathway. We have lived in the light of those blessings all the year that has gone, and to-day, as we wait upon the threshold of another year, help us to remember the lessons we have learned. Help us to make the year upon which we are entering one of pleasure and profit, one in which the work of our hands shall correspond with the love of our hearts. And do thou help us to remember, O God, our Father, as the years come and go, as the anniversaries of our Sabbath-school shall return, that the lesson of each is one to remind us that we are always to strive to make our lives more earnest and truthful. Thus may we ever live and labor, rejoicing in the hope of an eternal life, through Christ the Saviour. Amen.

VII. Chant.

VIII. Singing.

THIRTY-SIXTH SERVICE.

FOR MISSIONARY SUNDAY.

I. Singing.

II. Superintendent's Reading.

The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof; the world and they that dwell therein.

Except the Lord build the house they labor in vain that build it; except the Lord keep the city the watchman waketh but in vain.

III. Scripture Lesson. (Read Responsively.) Matt. xxviii, 16-20.

Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them.

And when they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted.

And Jesus came, and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost;

Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

IV. Recitation of Creed.

V. Responses.

Superintendent. I will extol thee, my God, O King; and I will bless thy name for ever and ever.

School. Every day will I bless thee; and I will praise thy name for ever and ever.

Sup. Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; and his greatness is unsearchable.

School. One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty acts.

Sup. I will speak of the glorious honor of thy majesty, and of thy wondrous works.

School. And men shall speak of the might of thy terrible acts; and I will declare thy greatness.

Sup. They shall abundantly utter the memory of thy great goodness, and shall sing of thy righteousness.

School. The Lord is gracious, and full of compassion; slow to anger, and of great mercy.

Sup. The Lord is good to all; and his tender mercies are over all his works.

School. All thy works shall praise thee, O Lord; and thy saints shall bless thee.

Sup. They shall speak of the glory of thy kingdom, and talk of thy power;

School. To make known to the sons of men his mighty acts, and the glorious majesty of his kingdom.

Sup. Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and thy dominion endureth throughout all generations.

VI. Prayer.

Almighty God and most merciful Father, who, of thine infinite goodness, hast given thine only and dearly beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be our redeemer, and the author of everlasting life; who, after he was ascended into heaven, poured down his gifts abundantly upon men, making some apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to the edifying of his church; grant, we beseech thee, to those thy servants who have been sent into the mission field, such grace that they may evermore be ready to proclaim the glad tidings of reconciliation, and use the authority given them to salvation, not to

hurt, but to help; so that, as wise and faithful servants they may spread the word of truth abroad, preaching the acceptable year of the Lord, hastening the day when the heathen shall become thine inheritance indeed and all men be brought into the everlasting joy of the gospel of Jesus Christ. We ask it in the name of thy Son. Amen.

VII. Chant.

VIII. Singing.

Tune, "Missionary Hymn."

1 Hail to the Lord's anointed,
  Great David's greater Son!
Hail in the time appointed,
  His reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression,
  To set the captive free,
To take away transgression,
  And rule in equity

2 He shall come down like showers
  Upon the fruitful earth,
And love and joy, like flowers,
  Spring in his path to birth;
Before him on the mountains
  Shall peace, the herald, go,
And righteousness in fountains,
  From hill to valley flow.

3 O'er every foe victorious,
  He on his throne shall rest,
From age to age more glorious,
  All-blessing and all-blest.
The tide of time shall never
  His covenant remove;
His name shall stand forever:
  That name to us is—Love!

CLOSING PRAYERS AND BENEDICTIONS.

I.

Our Father which art in heaven; hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

II.

Most holy and gracious God! we thank thee for the blessings we have enjoyed this day. We praise thy name for all we have learned of thy goodness and truth; and we pray that our hearts may be quickened thereby. May we never forget that thou art the giver and preserver of life; that we may devote our lives to thee, in obedience to thy will. Let thy blessing rest upon our hearts as we go from this place, and may we feel that thine eye is ever upon us. Keep us in thy love, and crown us with thy mercy, and to thee shall be ascribed all praise and dominion forever. Amen.

III.

Father of mercies, and God of all grace! we look up to thee, once more, in prayer and supplication. We acknowledge thee as the source of all our joy, and we would render unto thee some worthy offering of praise. May we be drawn nearer to thee as we see from day to day the testimonies of thy love; and may we show our gratitude for all thy favors, by the conduct of our lives. Let thy benediction go with us among the duties and temptations of the world, and may we find entrance into thy kingdom through Christ, our Master and Redeemer. Amen.

IV.

Lord, thou hast blessed us with another season of communion with each other, and with thee. And now, as we close our school for to-day, we crave thy richest blessing to rest upon us. Lift every shadow from our minds, that we may see thee in all that is bright and beautiful in life; and help us so to trust in thee, that all that is dark and sorrowful may tend to bring us still closer to thyself. O grant that we may feel thy presence and love in every period of our lives, that our souls may be filled with thy peace and joy. Make us wise and good by the truth we learn; faithful to all our duties, as he was wise and good and faithful whom we call our Master and Redeemer. Let his example be the light by which we walk, and his character the pattern of our own; for so shall thy kingdom come, and thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

V.

O God, the Creator and Preserver of all mankind, we humbly beseech thee for all sorts and conditions of men, that thou wouldest be pleased to make thy ways known unto them, thy saving health unto all nations. More especially we pray for thy Holy Church universal; that it may be so guided and governed by thy good spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Finally, we commend to thy Fatherly goodness, all those who are any ways afflicted or distressed in mind, body, or estate; that it may please thee to comfort and relieve them according to their several necessities; giving them patience under their sufferings and a happy issue out of all their afflictions: and this we ask in the name of Jesus Christ thy Son, our Saviour. Amen.

VI.

O God, our Heavenly Father, when first we came together this day for the service of our school we asked thy blessing to rest upon us. Now as we close our school we thank thee for the privilege of our worship and for the instruction we have received. May thy love attend us as we go hence to our homes and may the grace, mercy and peace that cometh from thee abide with us and bless us forevermore. Amen.

VII.

Our Father in heaven! We look to thee again for thy blessing, as we close the service of our school to-day. May the lessons we have learned here be deeply impressed upon our minds, and may we carry the spirit of this hour through all the week before us. Go with us, we pray thee, to guide us in the path of duty; to keep us from temptation and to save us from all evil. Make us faithful to thee and kind to each other, that we may find happiness and peace according to thy promises through Jesus Christ. Amen.

VIII.

MIZPAH. The Lord watch between me and thee when we are absent one from another.

IX.

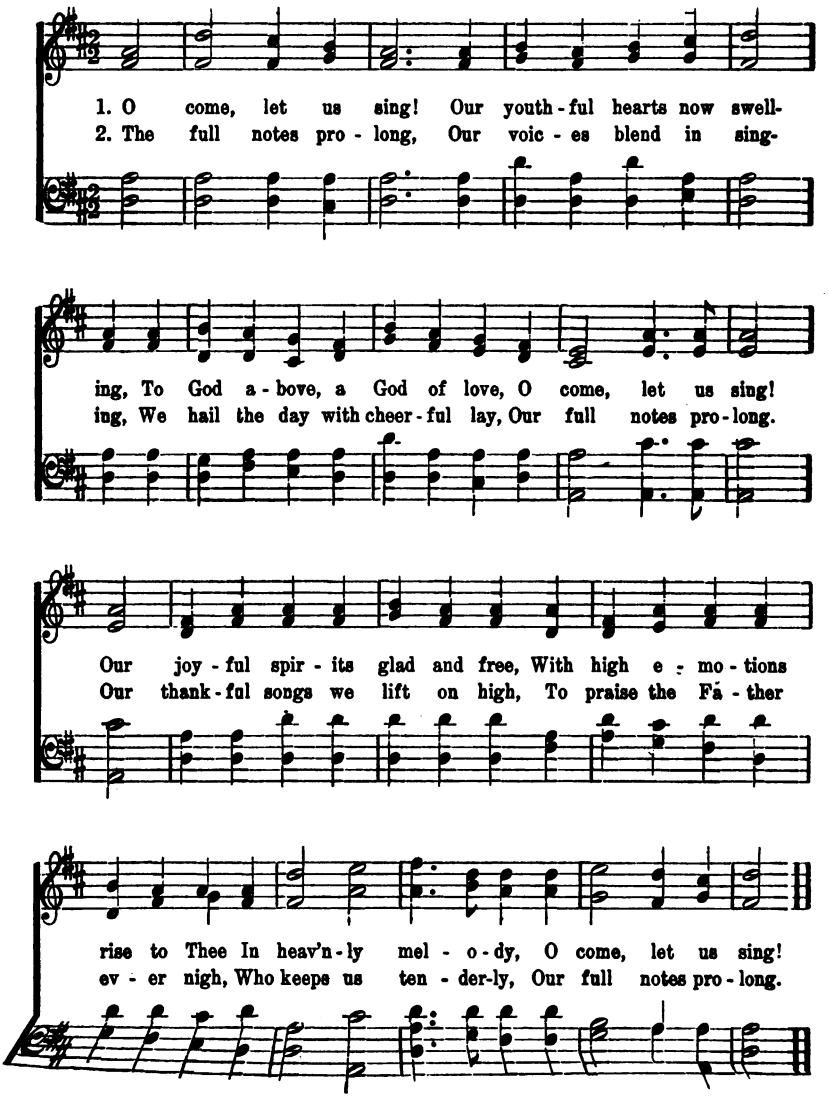
The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace. Amen.

X.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. Amen.

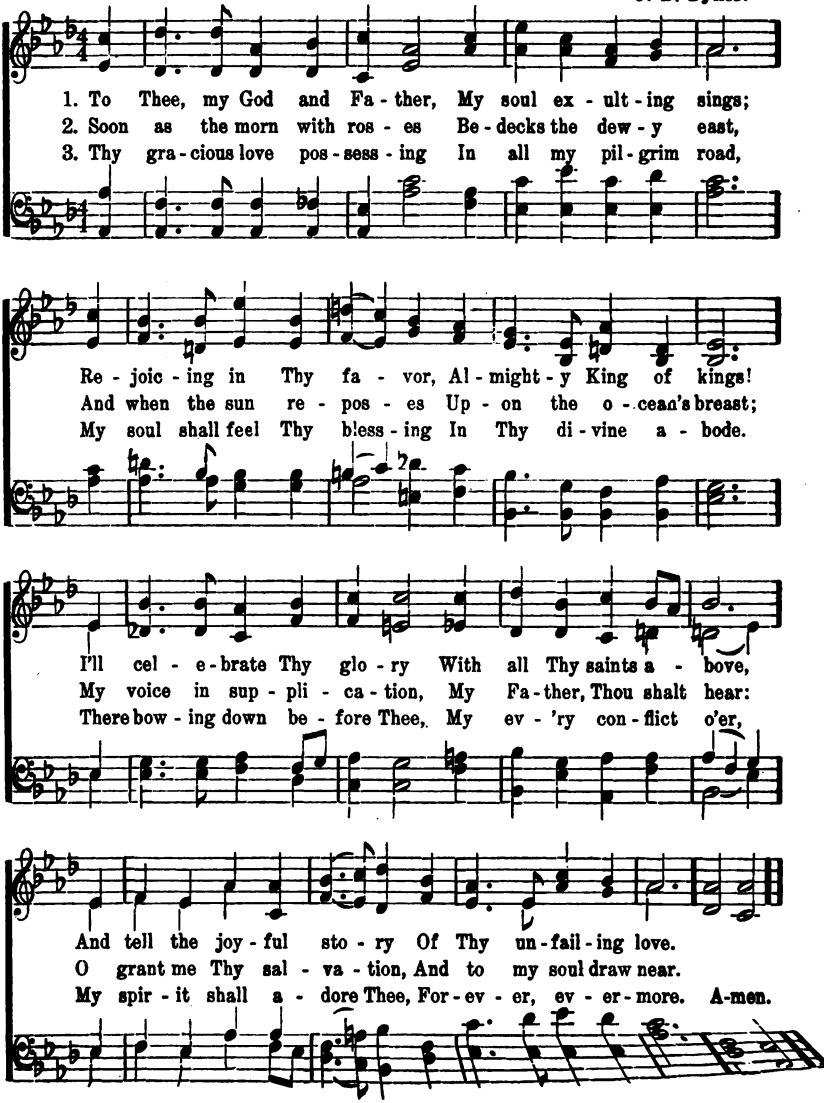
"Psalms and Hymns and
Spiritual Songs."

O Come, Let Us Sing.



To Thee, my God and Father.

J. B. Dykes.



With Hearts in Love Abounding.

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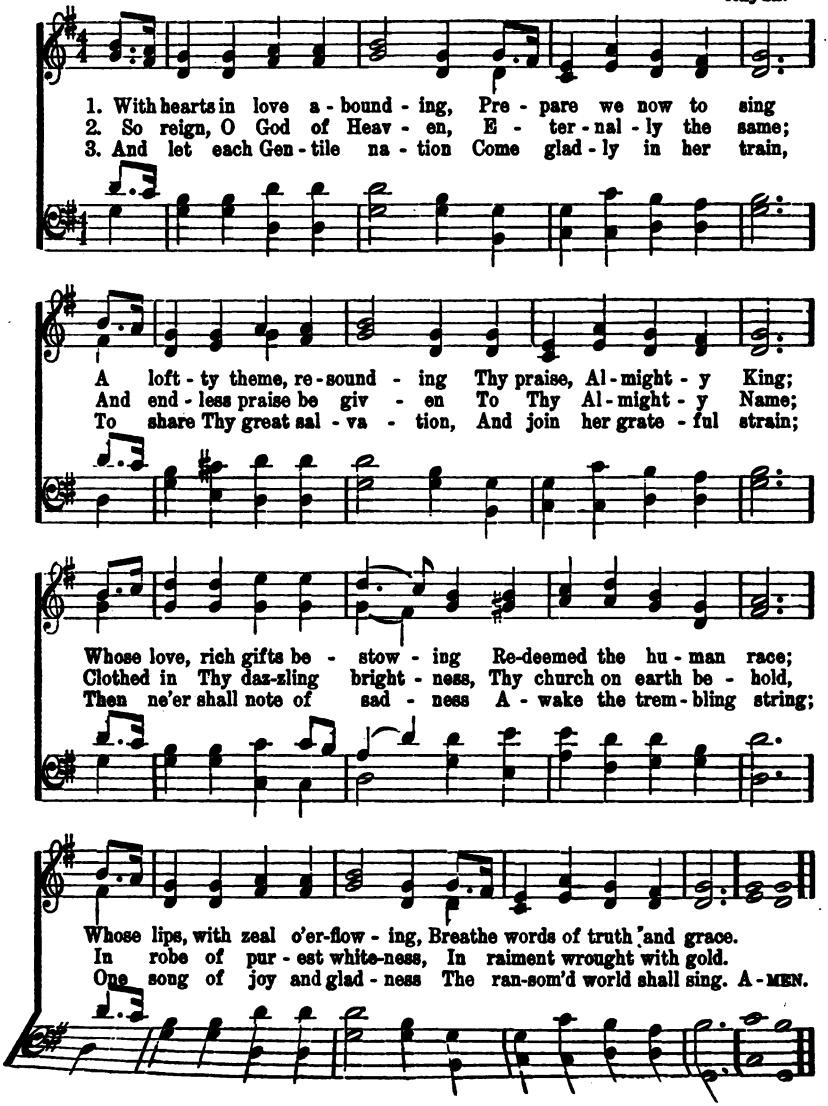
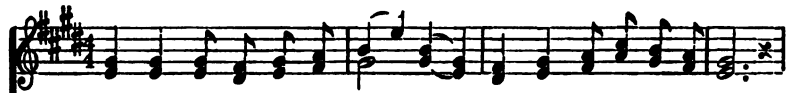
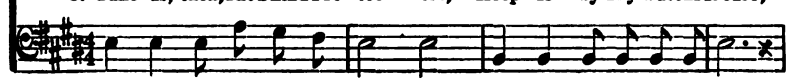


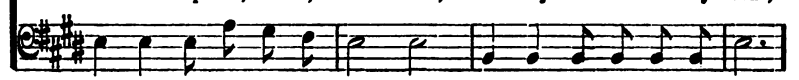
Saviour, At Thy Footstool.



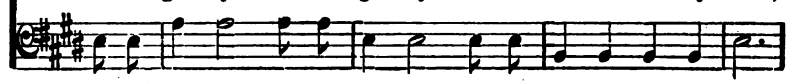
1. Sav - iour, at Thy footstool bend - ing, We a youthful band appear;
2. No harsh words of in - dig - na - tion Drive this lit-tle flock from Thee;
3. Take us, then, Thou kind Pro - tec - tor, Keep us by Thy watchful care;



May our grateful songs as - cend - ing, Reach and please Thy gracious ear;
Gen - tle is Thy in - vi - ta - tion: "Suf - fer them to come to me."
Be our Shepherd, Friend, Di-rec - tor; In Thy arms of mer - cy bear,



Thus to praise Thee, Thus to praise Thee, Make and keep our hearts sin - cere;
Dearest Sav - iour, Dear-est Sav - iour, Let us each Thy king-dom see;
Guide to glo - ry: Guide to glo - ry: We shall dwell in safe - ty there;



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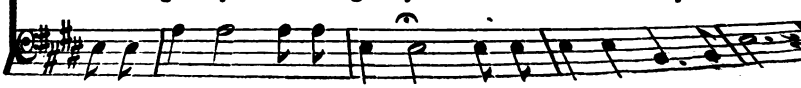
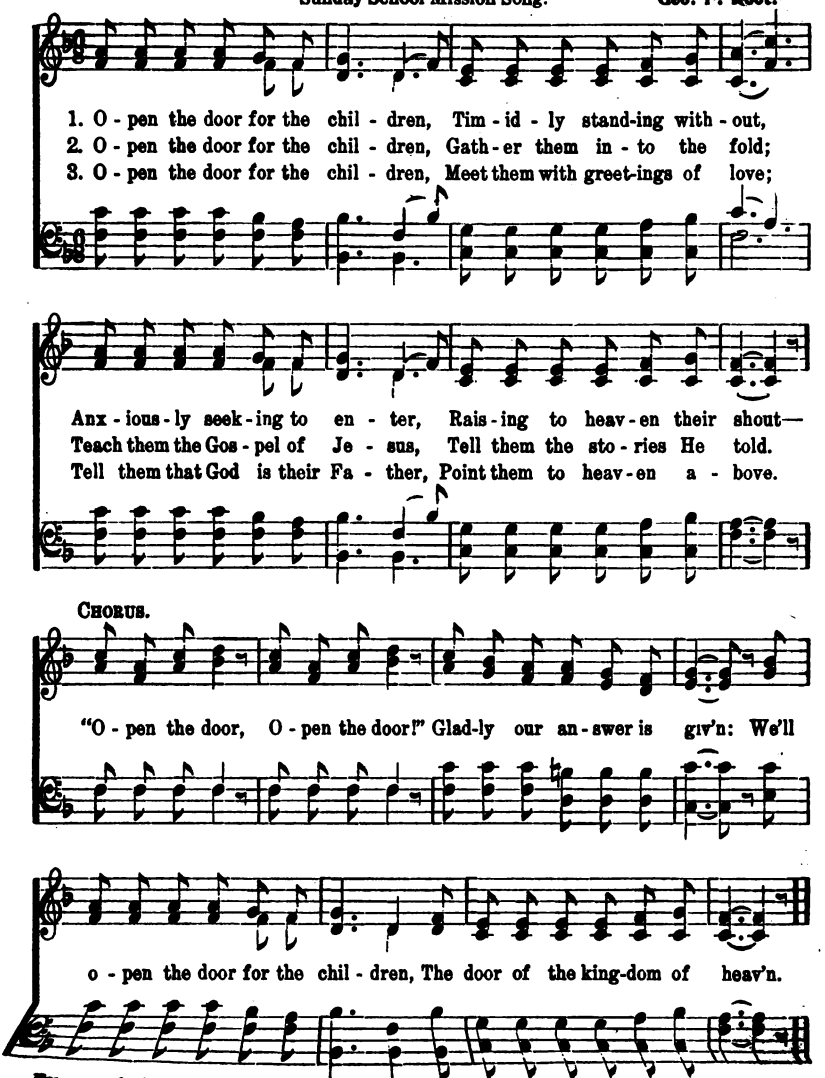


Open the Door.

Sunday School Mission Song. Geo. F. Root.



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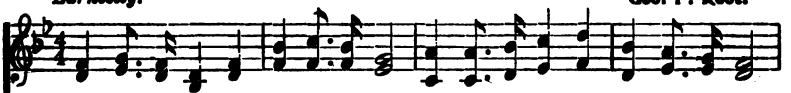
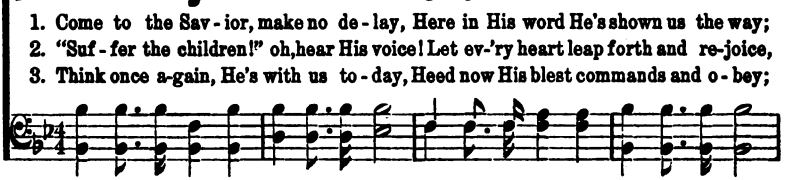
Come to the Savior.

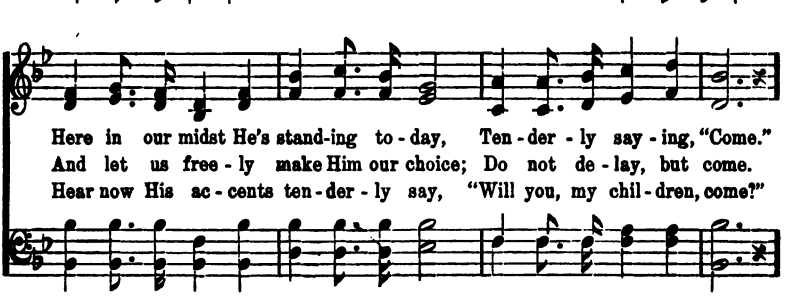
Earnestly. Geo. F. Root.



1. Come to the Sav - ior, make no de - lay, Here in His word He's shown us the way;
2. "Suf - fer the children!" oh, hear His voice! Let ev-'ry heart leap forth and re-joice,
3. Think once a-gain, He's with us to - day, Heed now His blest commands and o - bey;



Here in our midst He's stand-ing to - day, Ten - der - ly say - ing, "Come."
And let us free - ly make Him our choice; Do not de - lay, but come.
Hear now His ac - cents ten - der - ly say, "Will you, my chil - dren, come?"



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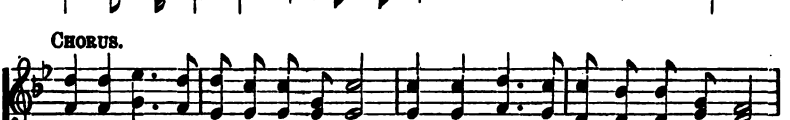
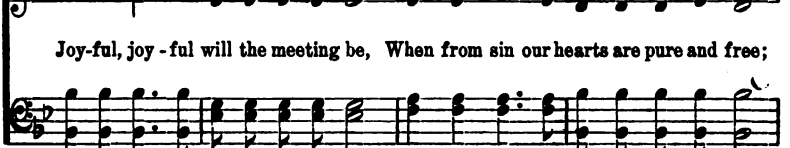
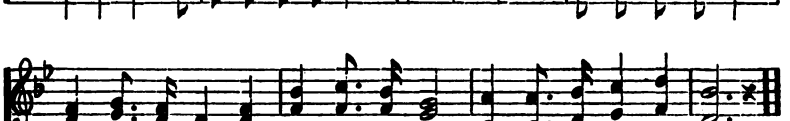
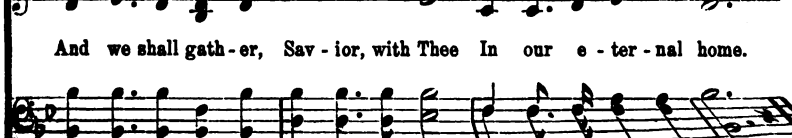


Joy-ful, joy - ful will the meeting be, When from sin our hearts are pure and free;





And we shall gath - er, Sav - ior, with Thee In our e - ter - nal home.



Form "The Prize."

Love Divine.

John Zundel.

1. Love di - vine, all love ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n to earth come down!
2. Breathe, oh, breathe Thy lov - ing Spir - it In - to ev - 'ry troub - led breast!

Fix in us Thy hum - ble dwell-ing, All Thy faith-ful mer - cies crown.
Let us all in Thee in - her - it, Let us find Thy prom - ised rest.

Fa - ther, Thou art all com-pas-sion, Pure, un-bound - ed love Thou art;
Come, Al - might-y to de - liv - er, Let us all Thy life re - ceive;

Vis - it us with Thy sal - va - tion, En - ter ev - 'ry trem-bling heart.
Gra-cious - ly come down, and nev - er, Nev - er - more Thy tem - ples leave.

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Lo! The Day of God is Breaking.

Air "Hold the Fort." P. P. Bliss.

Bold.

1. Lo! the day of God is break - ing; Light is in the sky!
2. Now the pow'rs of wrong and dark - ness Lose their stol - en crown;
3. He will give us songs for sad - ness; Wipe our tears a - way;

See the world to life a - wak - ing; Morn - ing draw - eth nigh!
Now the foot of the arch - an - gel Treads the drag - on down.
Turn our mourn - ing in - to glad - ness And our night to day.

CHORUS.

Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! E - den comes a - gain;

Glo - ry, glo - ry in the high - est, God will dwell with men.

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"Whosoever Will."

P. P. B. P. P. Bliss.

Joyfully.

1. "Who-so-ev-er hear-eth," shout, shout the sound! Send the bless-ed ti-dings
2. "Who-so-ev-er com-eth need not de-lay, Nor the door is o-pen,
3. "Who-so-ev-er will," the prom-ise se-cure, "Who-so-ev-er will," for

all the world a-round; Spread the joy-ful news wher-ev-er man is found:
en-ter while you may; Je-sus is the true, the on-ly Liv-ing Way:
ev-er must en-dure; "Who-so-ev-er will," 'tis life for-ev-er-more;

CHORUS.

"Who-so-ev-er will, may come." "Who-so-ev-er will, who-so-ev-er will,"

Send the proc-la-ma-tion o-ver vale and hill; 'Tis a lov-ing

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"Psalms and Hymns and
Spiritual Songs."

God's Love to Me.

Hymn and Music by Wm. F. Sherwin.

1. Grand - er than o - cean's sto - ry Or songs of for - est trees;
2. Dear - er than an - y lov - ings The tru - est friends be - stow;
3. Rice - er than all earth's treas - ure The wealth my soul re - ceives;

Pur - er than breath of morn - ing Or eve - ning's gen - tle breeze;
Strong-er than all the yearn - ings A moth - er's heart can know;
Bright-er than roy - al jew - els The crown that Je - sus gives;

Clear - er than mount-ain ech - oes Ring out from peaks a - bove,
Deep - er than earth's foun - da - tions, And far a - bove all thought,
Wondrous the con - de - scen - sion And grace be - yond de - gree!

Rolls on the glo - rious an - them Of God's e - ter - nal love.
Broad - er than heav'ns high arch - es, The love that Christ has brought.
I would be ev - er sing - ing The love of Christ to me.

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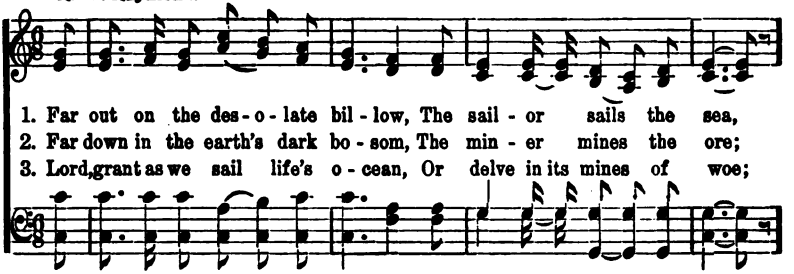
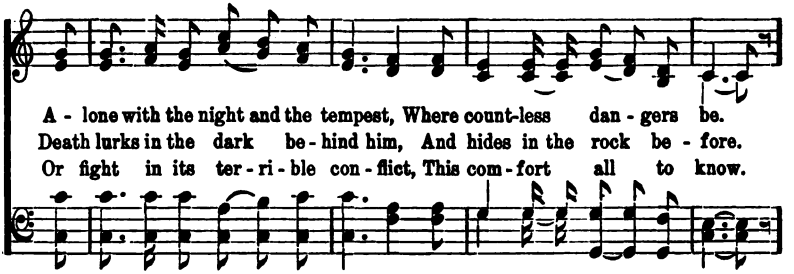
Never Alone.

R. W. Raymond. Ferd Silcher.



1. Far out on the des - o - late bil - low, The sail - or sails the sea,
2. Far down in the earth's dark bo - som, The min - er mines the ore;
3. Lord, grant as we sail life's o - cean, Or delve in its mines of woe;



A - lone with the night and the tempest, Where count-less dan - gers be.
Death lurks in the dark be - hind him, And hides in the rock be - fore.
Or fight in its ter - ri - ble con - flict, This com - fort all to know.

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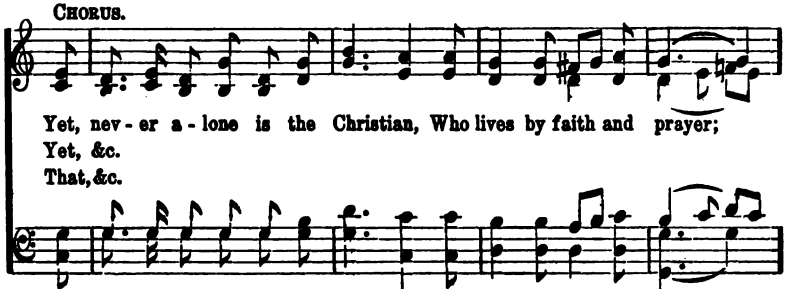

Yet, nev - er a - lone is the Christian, Who lives by faith and prayer;
Yet, &c.
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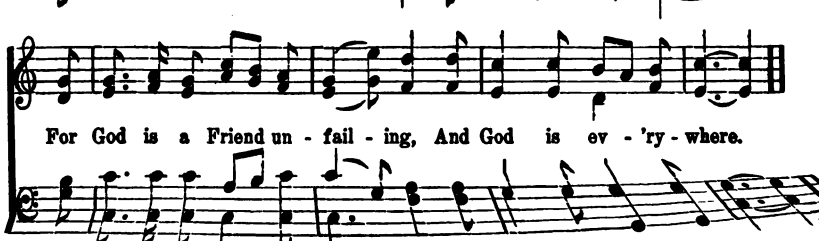


For God is a Friend un - fail - ing, And God is ev - 'ry - where.

Tell Me the Old, Old, Story.

Miss Kate Hankey. W. H. Doane.

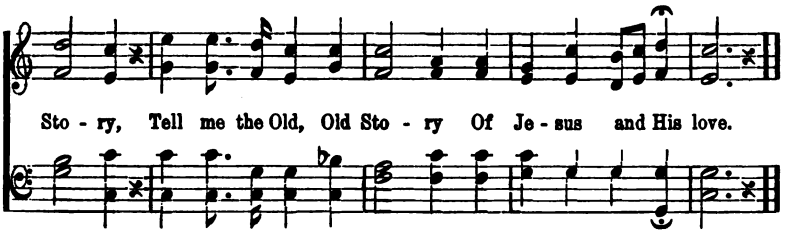
1. Tell me the Old, Old Sto - ry, Of un - seen things a - bove, Of Je - sus and His glo - ry, Of Je - sus and His love. Tell me the Sto - ry sim-ply, As to a lit - tle child, For I am weak and wea - ry, And help - less and de - filed.

2. Tell me the Sto - ry slow - ly, That I may take it in— That won-der - ful re - demp-tion, God's rem - e - dy for sin. Tell me the Sto - ry oft-en, For I for - get so soon, The "ear-ly dew" of morn-ing Has passed a - way at noon.

CHORUS.

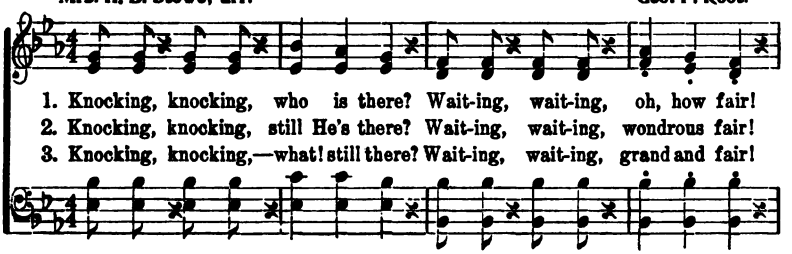
To me the Old, Old Sto - ry, Tell me the Old, Old

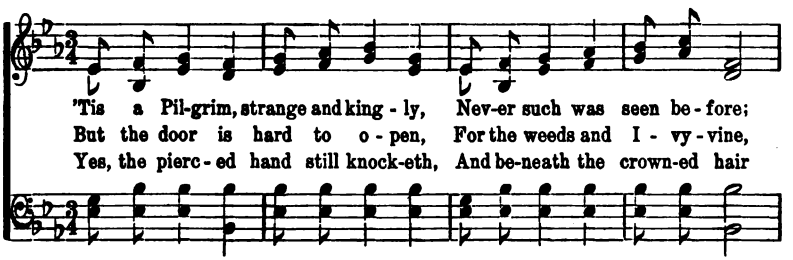
Tell Me the Old, Old Story. Concluded.

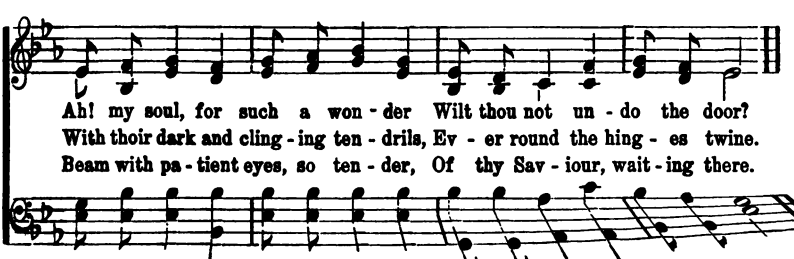


Knocking, Knocking.

Mrs. H. B. Stowe, arr. Geo. F. Root.







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Shepherd of the Holy Hills.

Rev. H. C. Leonard. Blumenthal.

1. Shepherd of the ho - ly hills, We, Thy lambs with ten - der feet,
2. Thus thro' all our earth-ly way, Be our guard and on - ly guide;

Fol - low Thee be - side the rills, And thro' pastures fair and sweet.
Draw us from the e - vil way; Keep us ev - er by Thy side.

Thou dost hear us when we cry; Thou dost watch us when a - lone;
And, when fall the shades of night, On the paths we tread be - low,

When we faint Thou draw-est nigh, Sooth-ing us with win - ning tones.
Take us to the fields of light, Where the liv - ing wa - ters flow.

Wonderful Words of Life.

P. P. B. P. P. Bliss.

1. Sing them o - ver a - gain to me, Won-der - ful words of Life,
2. Christ, the bless - ed One gives to all, Won-der - ful words of Life,

Let me more of their beau - ty see, Won-der - ful words of Life.
Sin - ner, list to the lov - ing call, Won-der - ful words of Life.

Words of life and beau - ty, Teach me faith and du - ty;
All so free - ly giv - en, Woo - ing us to heav - en.

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Beau-ti-ful words, won-der-ful words, Won-der-ful words of Life; Life.

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Work, for the Night is Coming.

S. Dyer. Lowell Mason.

1. Work, for the night is com - ing; Work through the morn - ing hours;
2. Work, for the night is com - ing; Work through the sun - ny noon;
3. Work, for the night is com - ing; Un - der the sun - set skies;

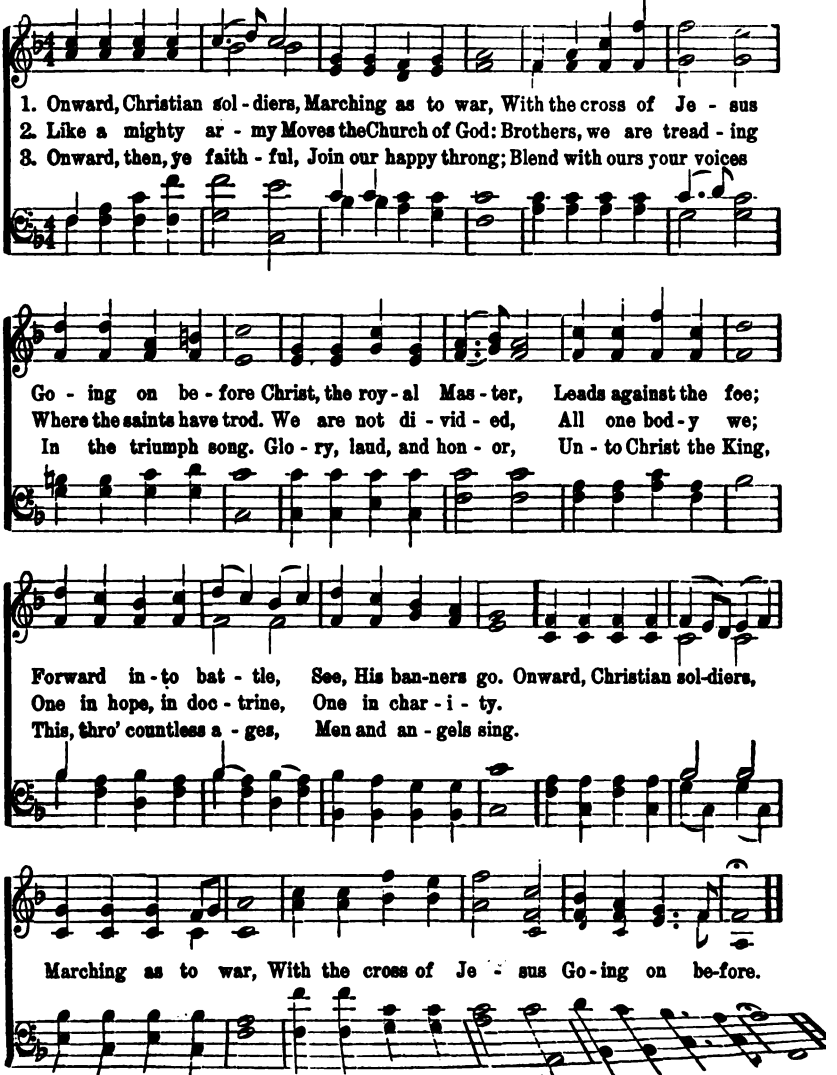
Work while the dew is spark - ling; Work 'mid spring-ing flowers;
Fill bright - est hours with la - bor, Rest comes sure and soon.
While their bright tints are glow - ing, Work, for day - light flies;

Work when the day grows bright - er; Work in the glow - ing sun;
Give ev - 'ry fly - ing mo - ment Some - thing to keep in store;
Work till the last beam fa - deth Fa - deth to shine no more;

Work, for the night is com - ing, When man's work is done.
Work, for the night is com - ing When man works no more.
Work, while the night is dark - 'ning, When man's work is o'er.

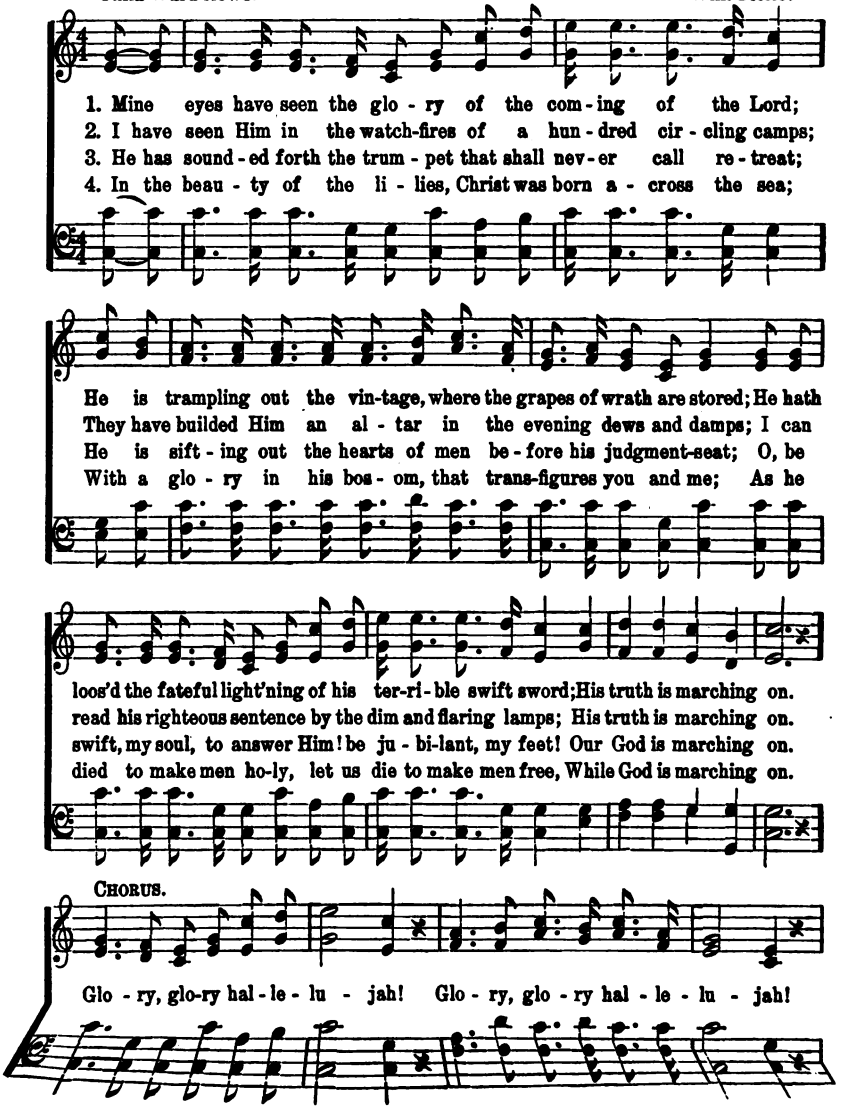
Onward, Christian Soldiers.

Rev. Sabine Baring Gould. Sir Arthur Seymour Sullivan.



Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory.

Julia Ward Howe. Wm. Steffe.



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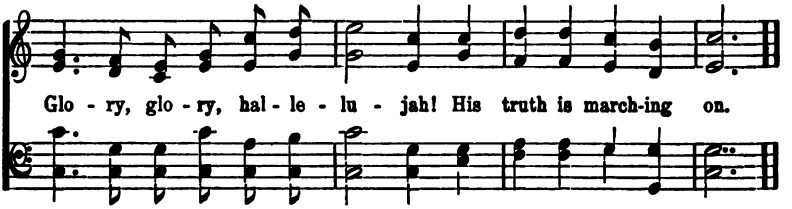
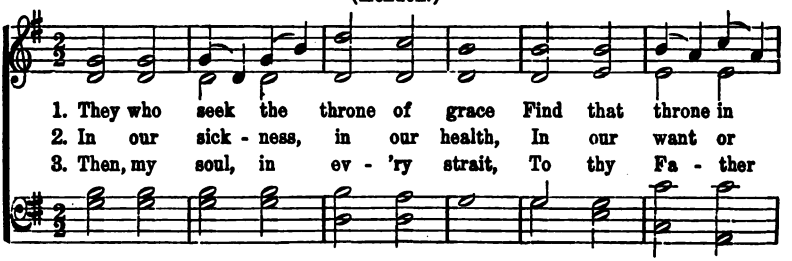
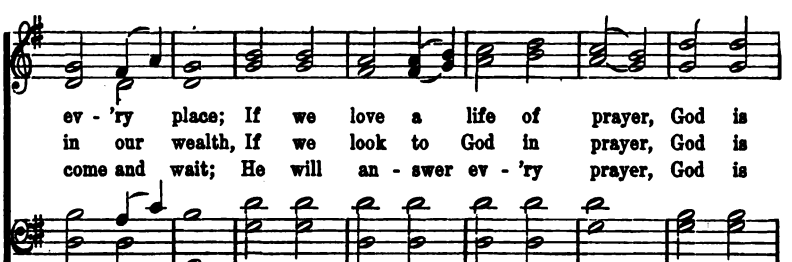
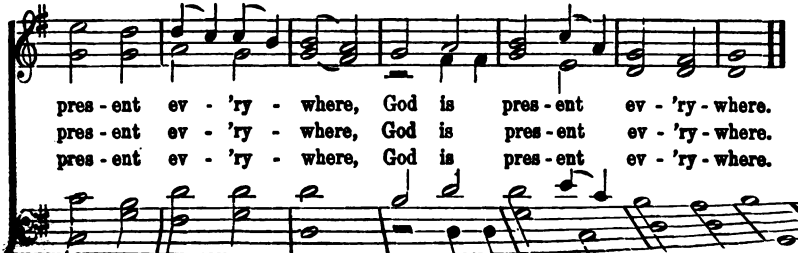


They Who Seek the Throne of Grace.

(Hendon.)







Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

Bishop Heber. Rev. J. B. Dykes.

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! all the saints a - dore Thee!
3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! though the dark - ness hide Thee,

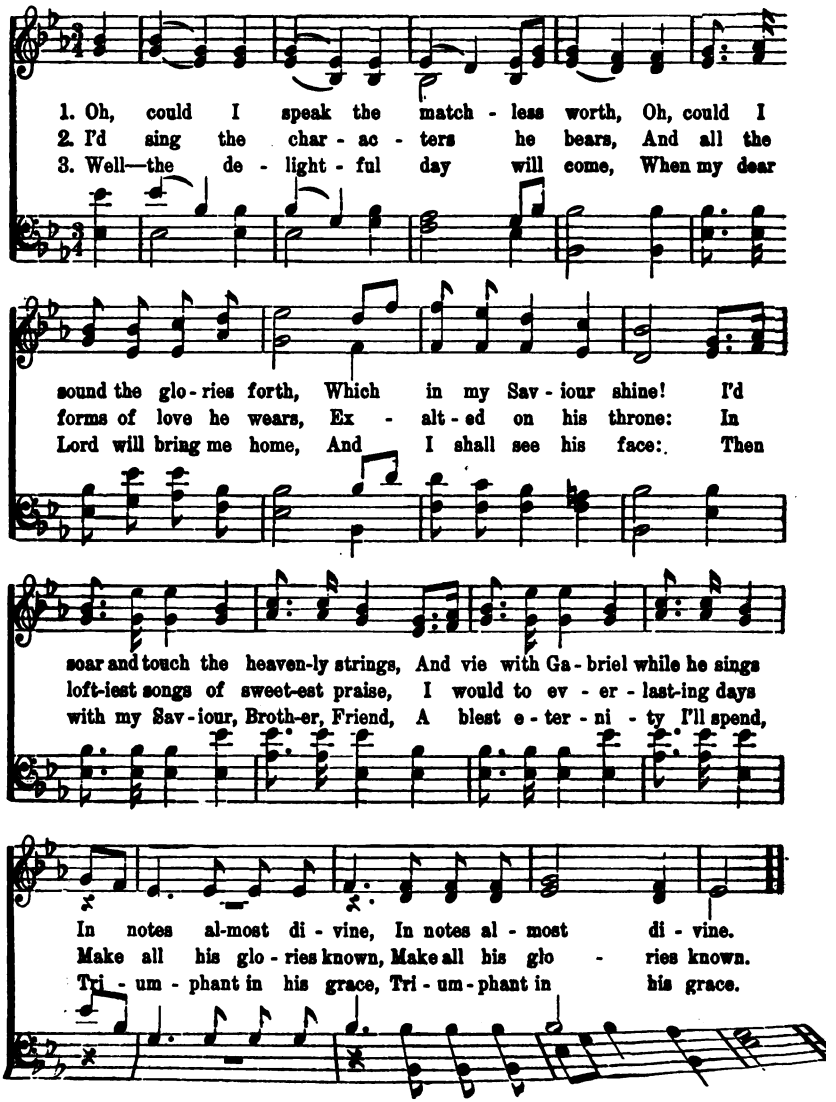
Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to Thee;
Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
Though the eye of sin - ful man Thy glo - ry may not see,

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and Might - y!
Cher - u - bim and Ser-a - phim fall - ing down be - fore Thee,
On - ly Thou art Ho - ly, there is none be - side Thee

All Thy great works shall join in praise to Thee.
Which wert and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
Per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pur - i - ty. A - men.

Oh, Could I Speak the Matchless Worth. 137

Samuel Medley. Lowell Mason.



From Greenland's Icy Mountains.

(Missionary Hymn.) Lowell Mason.

1. From Greenland's i - cy mount - ains, From In - dia's cor - al strand,
2. Shall we, whose souls are light - ed With wis - dom from on high,
3. Waft, waft, ye winds, His sto - ry, And you, ye wa - ters, roll,

Where Af - ric's sun - ny fount - ains Roll down their gold - en sand,
Shall we, to men be - night - ed, The lamp of life de - ny?
Till, like a sea of glo - ry, It spreads from pole to pole

From many an an - cient riv - er, From many a palm-y plain,
Sal - va - tion, O sal - va - tion! The joy - ful sound pro - claim,
Till o'er our ran-somed na - ture, The Lamb for sin - ners slain,

They call us to de - liv - er Their land from er - ror's chain.
Till earth's re - mot - est na - tion Has learned Mes - si - ah's name.
Re - deem-er, King, Cre - a - tor, In bliss re - turns to reign.

The Morning Light.

S. F. Smith. Geo. J. Webb.

1. The morn - ing light is break - ing; The dark-ness dis - ap - pears!
2. See heath - en na - tions bend - ing Be - fore the God we love,
3. Blest riv - er of sal - va - tion! Pur - sue thine on - ward way;

The sons of earth are wak - ing To pen - i - ten - tial tears;
And thou - sand hearts as - cend - ing In grat - i - tude a - bove;
Flow thou to ev - 'ry na - tion, Nor in thy rich-ness stay:

Each breeze that sweeps the o - cean Brings ti-dings from a - far,
While sin - ners, now con - fess - ing, The gos - pel call o - bey,
Stay not till all the low - ly Tri - umph-ant reach their home:

Of na - tions in com - mo - tion, Pre - pared for Zi - on's war.
And seek the Sav - iour's bless - ing— A na - tion in a day.
Stay not till all the ho - ly Pro-claim—"The Lord is come!"

How Firm a Foundation.

G. Keith. M. Portogallo.

1. How firm a foun-da-tion, ye saints of the Lord! Is laid for your faith in His ex-cel-lent word! What more can He say, than to you, who for ref-uge to Je-sus hath fled? To you, who for ref-uge to Je-sus hath fled?

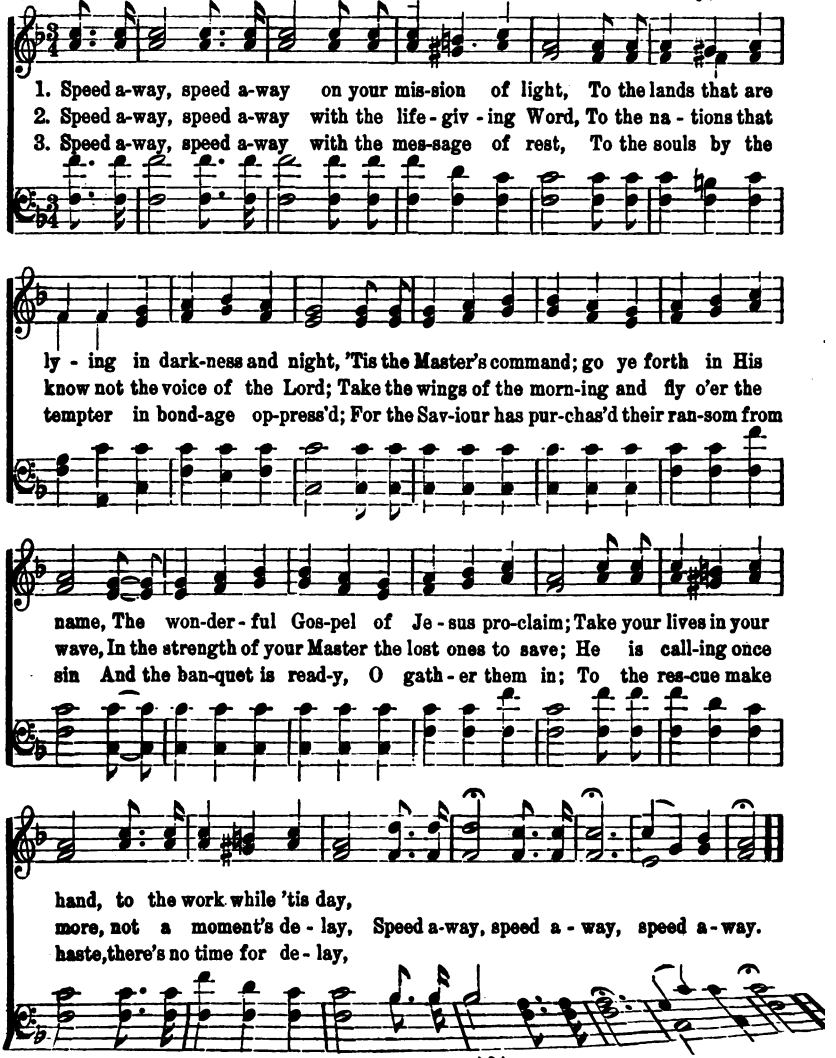
2. "Fear not, I am with thee, oh, be not dis-mayed, For I am thy God, I will still give thee aid; I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand, Up-held by My gra-cious, om-ni-po-tent hand. Up-held by My gra-cious, om-ni-po-tent hand.

3. "When thro' the deep wa-ters I call thee to go, The riv-ers of sor-rows shall not o-ver-flow; For I will be with thee thy troub-le to bless, And sanc-ti-fy to thee thy deep-est dis-tress, And sanc-ti-fy to thee thy deep-est dis-tress.

Speed Away.

"Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel."—Matt. 16;15.

F. J. Crosby. I. B. Woodbury, arr.



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Hark! Hark! My Soul!

Rev. Frederick W. Faber. Rev. J. B. Dykes.

1. Hark! hark, my soul! An - gel - ic songs are swell - ing O'er earth's green fields, and
2. Far, far a - way, like bells at evening peal - ing, The voice of Je - sus
3. An - gels, sing on! your faith-ful watches keep - ing; Sing us sweet fragments

o - cean's wave-beat shore: How sweet the truth those bless - ed strains are
sounds o'er land and sea, And la - den souls by thousands meek - ly
of the songs a - bove, Till morn-ing's joy shall end the night of

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tell - ing Of that new life when sin shall be no more.
steal-ing; Kind Shep-herd, turn their wea - ry steps to Thee. An - gels of
weep-ing, And life's long shad-ows break in cloud - less love.

Je - sus, An - gels of light, Sing - ing to wel - come the pilgrims of the

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Hark! Hark! My Soul! Concluded.

night, Sing - ing to wel - come the pil - grims, the pil - grims of the night.

Come, Thou Almighty King.

Charles Wesley. (Italian Hymn.) **Felice Giardini.**

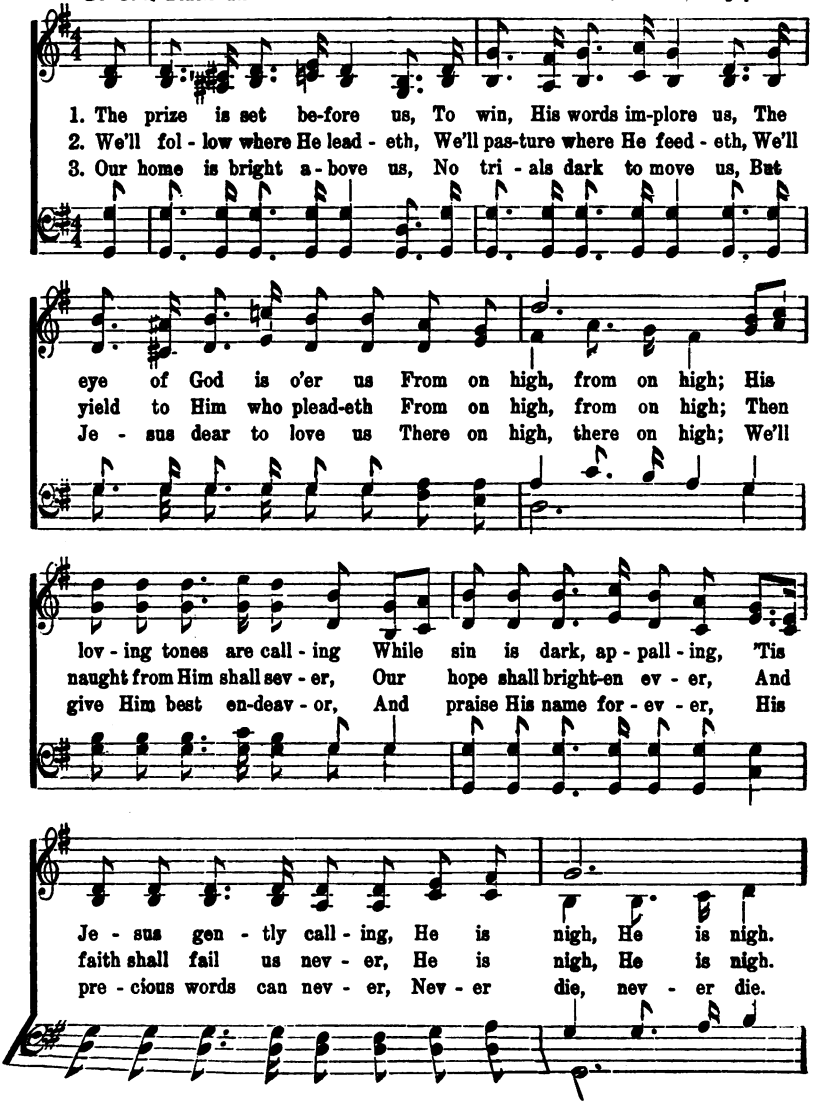
1. Come, Thou al - might - y King, Help us Thy name to sing,
2. Come, Thou in - car - nate Word, Gird on Thy might - y sword;
3. Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er! Thy sa - cred wit - ness bear,

Help us to praise: Fa - ther! all - glo - ri - ous, O'er all vic-
Our pray'r at - tend: Come, and Thy peo - ple bless, And give Thy
In this glad hour: Thou, who al - might - y art, Now rule in

to - ri - ous, Come, and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days!
word suc-cess: Spir - it of ho - li - ness! On us de - scend.
ev - 'ry heart, And ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r!

Triumph By and By.

Dr C. R. Blackhall. H. R. Palmer. By per.



Triumph By and By.

CHORUS.

By and by we shall meet Him, By and by we shall greet Him, And with

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Jesus reign in glo-ry, By and by, by and by; Je-sus reign in glo-ry, By and by.

Sun of My Soul, Thou Saviour Dear.

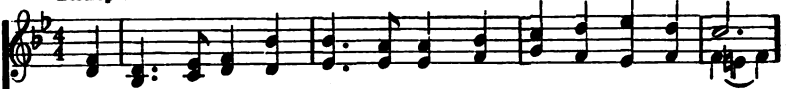
German.

1. Sun of my Soul, Thou Sav-iour dear, It is not night if Thou be near;
2. When the soft dews of kind-ly sleep My wearied eye-lids gen-tly steep,
3. A-bide with me from morn till eve, For without Thee I can-not live;
4. Watch by the sick; en-rich the poor With blessings from Thy boundless store;
5. Come near and bless us when we wake, Ere thro' the world our way we take,

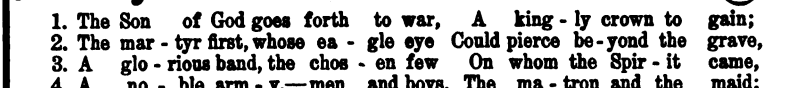
Oh! may no earth-born cloud a-rise To hide Thee from Thy chil-dren's eyes.
Be my last tho't, how sweet to rest For-ev-er on my Sav-iour's breast.
A-bide with me when night is nigh, For without Thee I dare not die.
Be ev-'ry mourn-er's sleep to-night, Like in-fant slum-bers, pure and light.
Till in the o-cean of Thy love We lose our-selves in heav'n a-bove.

The Son of God Goes Forth to War.

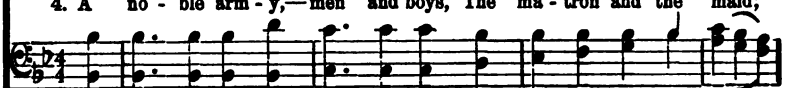
Bishop Heber. Dr. Henry S. Cutler.



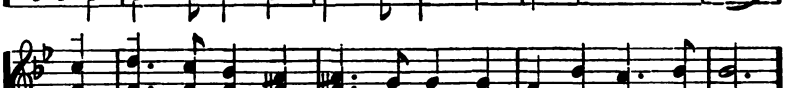
1. The Son of God goes forth to war, A king - ly crown to gain;
2. The mar - tyr first, whose ea - gle eye Could pierce be - yond the grave,
3. A glo - rious band, the chos - en few On whom the Spir - it came,
4. A no - ble arm - y,—men and boys, The ma - tron and the maid;



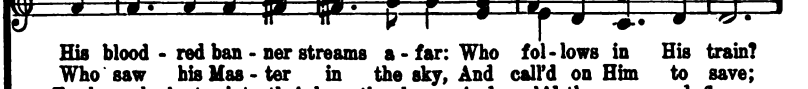
His blood - red ban - ner streams a - far: Who fol - lows in His train?
Who saw his Mas - ter in the sky, And call'd on Him to save;
Twelve val - iant saints, their hope they knew, And mock'd the cross and flame:
A - round the Sav - iour's throne re - joice, In robes of light ar - ray'd



Who best can drink his cup of woe, Tri - umph - ant o - ver pain;
Like Him, with par - don on His tongue In midst of mor - tal pain,
They met the ty - rant's brandished steel, The li - on's glo - ry mane;
They climb'd the steep as - cent of heav'n Thro' per - il, toil, and pain:



Who pa - tient bears His cross be - low,—He fol - lows in His train.
He pray'd for them that did the wrong: Who fol - lows in His train?
They bow'd their necks the death to feel; Who fol - lows in their train?
O God, to us may grace be giv'n To fol - low in their train?



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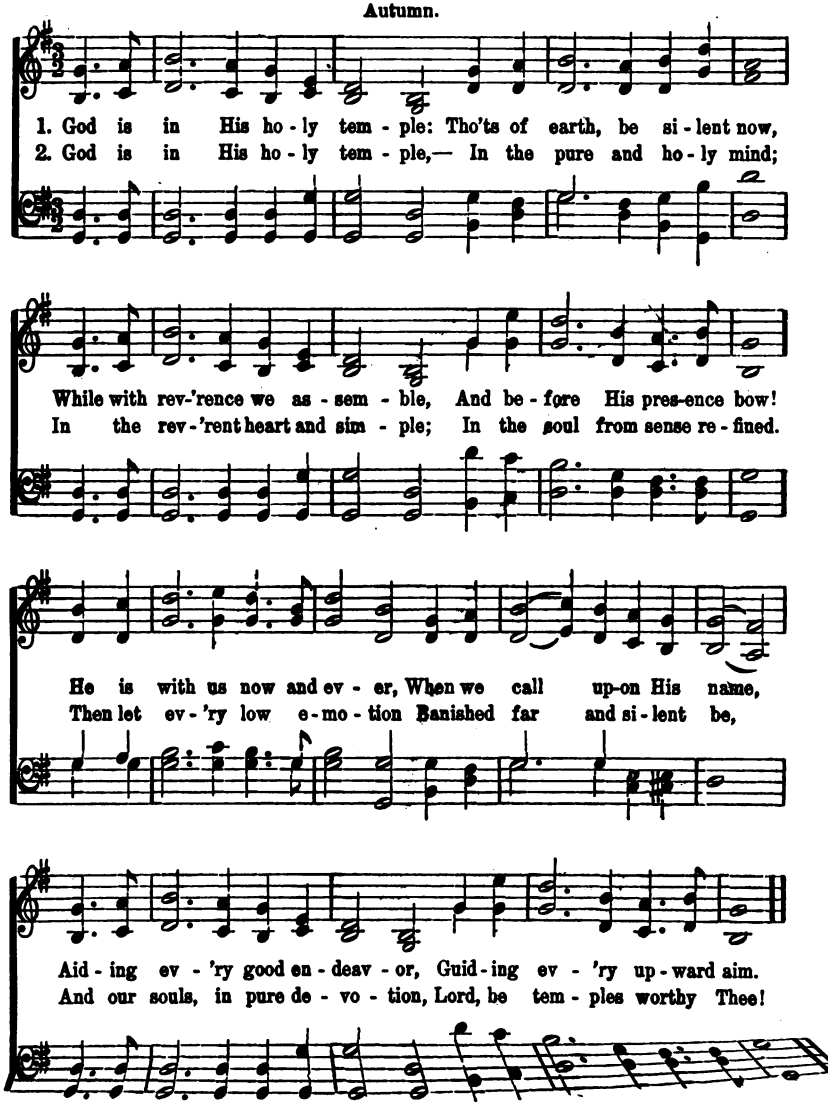
God is in His Holy Temple.

Autumn.



Angry Words.

H. R. Palmer, by per.

1. An - gry words! oh, let them nev - er From the tongue un-bri - dled slip;
2. Love is much too pure and ho - ly, Friend-ship is too sa-cred far,
3. An - gry words are light - ly spo - ken; Bit-t'rest thoughts are rash-ly stirred;

May the heart's best im-pulse ev - er Check them ere they soil the lip.
For a mo - ment's reck-less fol - ly Thus to des - o - late and mar.
Brightest links of life are bro - ken By a sin - gle an - gry word.

CHORUS.

"Love one an - oth - er," "Love one an - oth - er," Chil-dren, o-
"Love each oth - er," "Love each oth - er,"

bey the Saviour's blest com-mand; "Love one an - oth - er,"
'Tis the Saviour's blest com-mand; "Love each oth-

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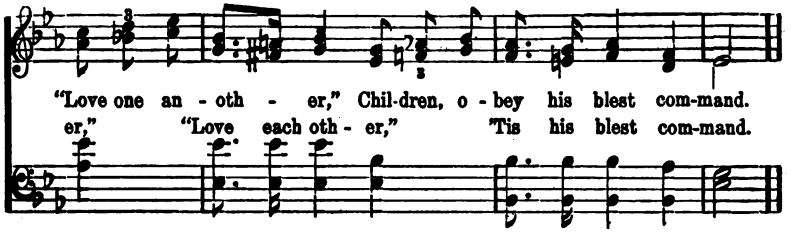
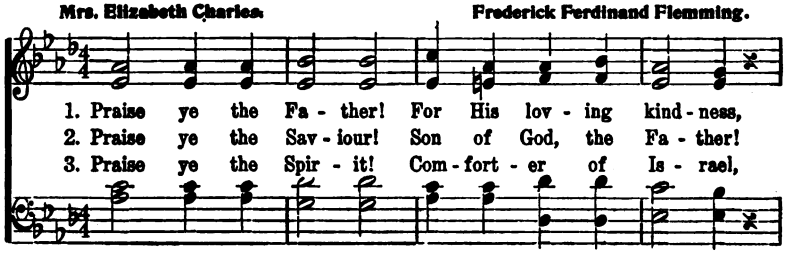
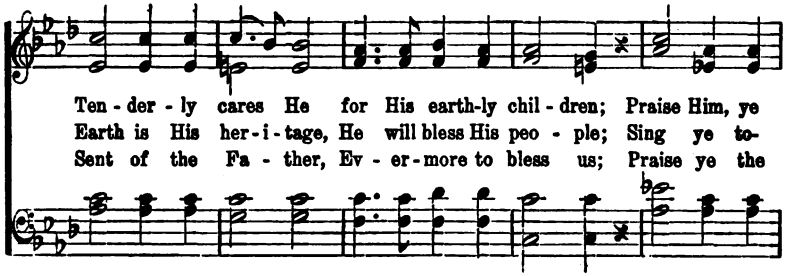
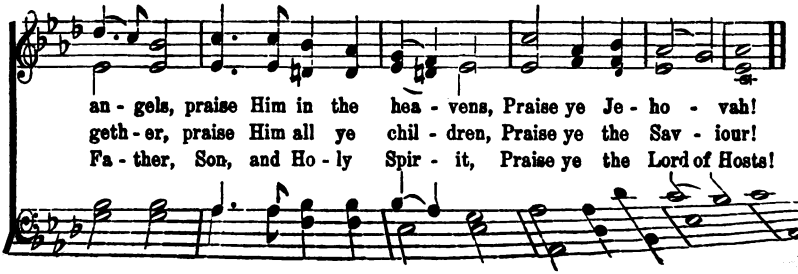


Praise Ye the Father.

Mrs. Elizabeth Charles. Frederick Ferdinand Flemming.







Jesus, Lover of My Soul.

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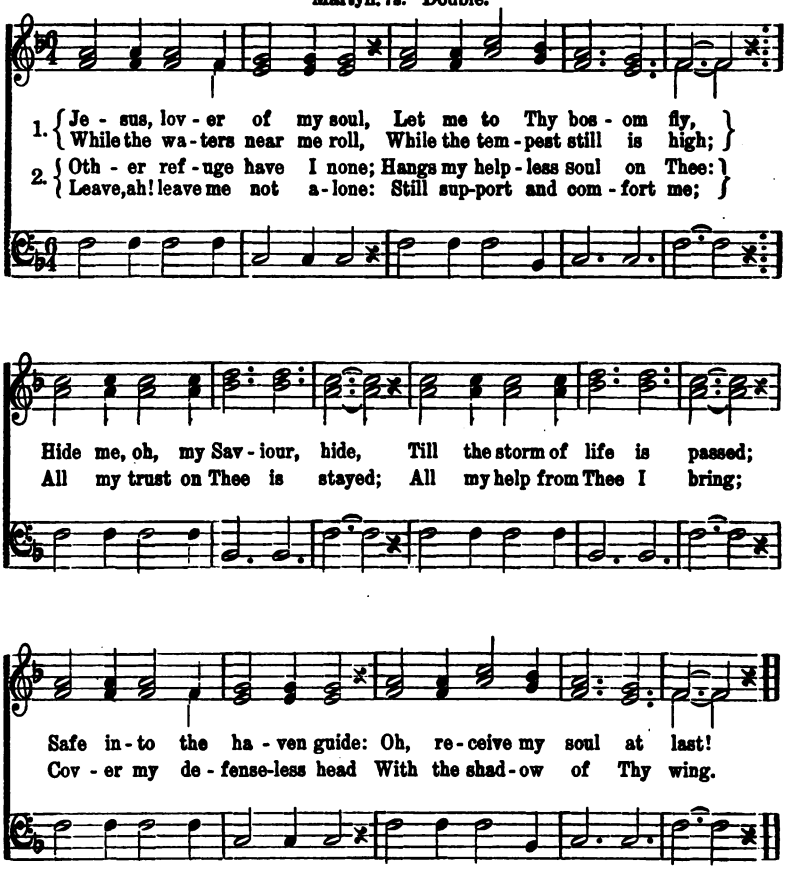

1 Mary to the Saviour's tomb,
Hasted at the early dawn;
Spice she brought, and sweet perfume;
But the Lord she loved had gone;
For a while she lingering stood,
Filled with sorrow and surprise;
Trembling while a crystal flood
Issued from her weeping eyes.

2 But her sorrows quickly fled,
When she heard His welcome voice;
Christ has risen from the dead;
Now He bid her heart rejoice;
What a change His words can make
Turning darkness into day!
Ye, who weep for Jesus' sake,
He will wipe your weeping eyes.

Jewels.

Rev. W. O. Cushing. Geo. F. Root.

Moderato.

1. When He com - eth, when He com - eth To make up His jew - els,
2. He will gath - er, He will gath - er The gems for His king-dom:
3. Lit - tle chil - dren, lit - tle chil-dren, Who love their Re - deem - er,

All His jew - els, pre-cious jew - els, His lov'd and His own.
All the pure ones, all the bright ones, His lov'd and His own.
Are the jew - els, pre-cious jew - els, His lov'd and His own.

CHORUS.

Like the stars of the morn - ing, His bright crown a - dorn - ing,

They shall shine in their beau - ty, Bright gems for His crown.

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Beulah Land.

E. P. Stites. Jno. R. Sweney.

1. I've reach'd the land of corn and wine, And all its rich - es free - ly mine;
2. The Sav-iour comes and walks with me, And sweet com-mun - ion here have we;

Here shines undimm'd one bliss-ful day, For all my night has pass'd a - way.
He gent - ly leads me with His hand, For this is heav-en's bor - der-land.

CHORUS.

O Beu - lah land, sweet Beu-lah land, As on thy high-est mount I stand,

I look a - way a - cross the sea, Where mansions are pre-pared for me,

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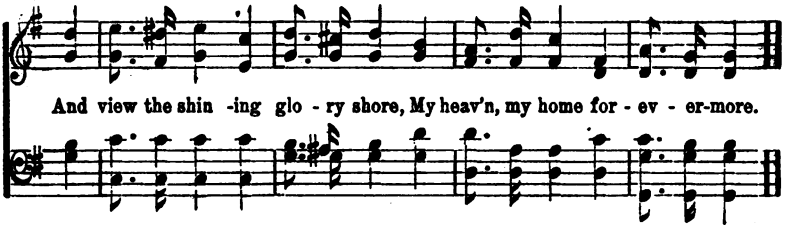
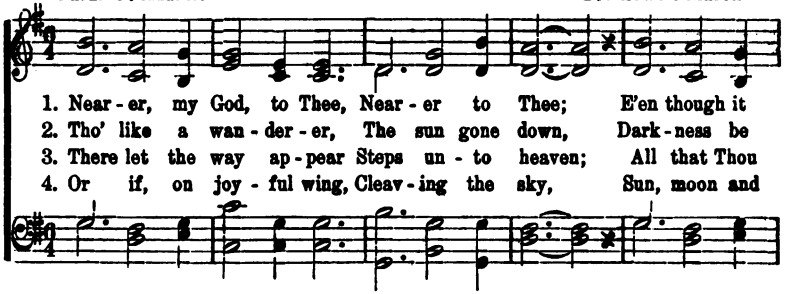
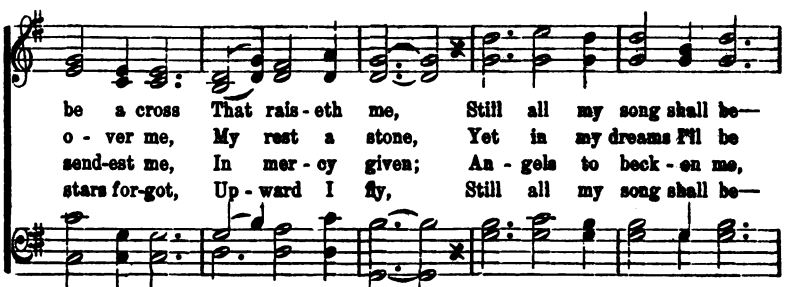
Beulah Land. Concluded.

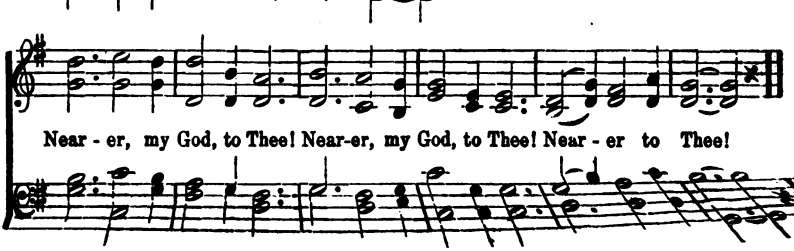


Nearer, My God, to Thee.

Sarah F. Adams. Dr. Lowell Mason.







Helping Along.

"Marching Along." Wm. B. Bradbury.

1. We've hands that are will - ing and hearts that are true, And plen - ty of work waits for me and for you; So while we march on-ward let this e'er be our song, Throughout our life's jour-ney we will all help a-long.

2. There's work for each one ev - 'ry hour, ev - 'ry day; There's small deeds of ser - vice, there's kind words to say; Though youth-ful and fee - ble yet in love we are strong, And throughout life's jour-ney we'll be help - ing a-long.

CHORUS.

Help - ing a - long, we are help - ing a - long, Thro' our life's

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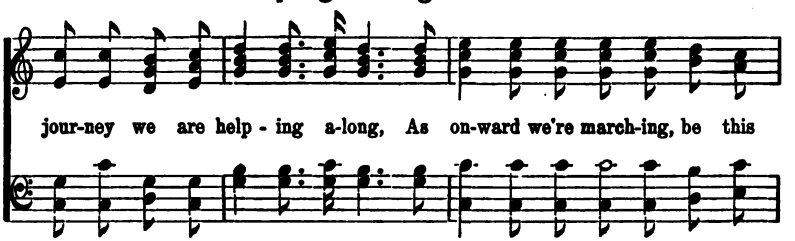
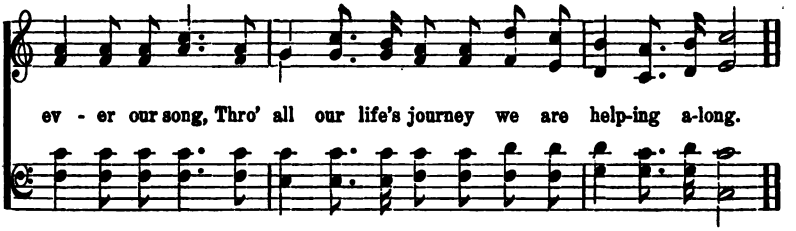
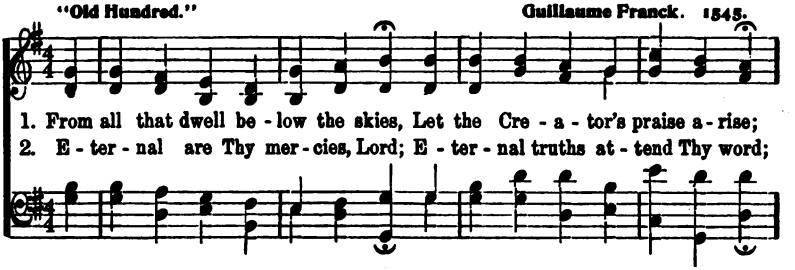
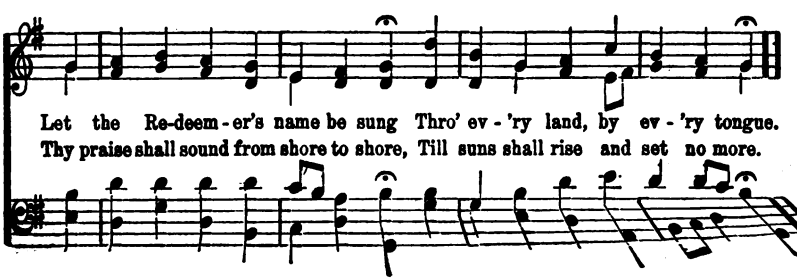




From All That Dwell.

"Old Hundred." Guillaume Franck. 1545.

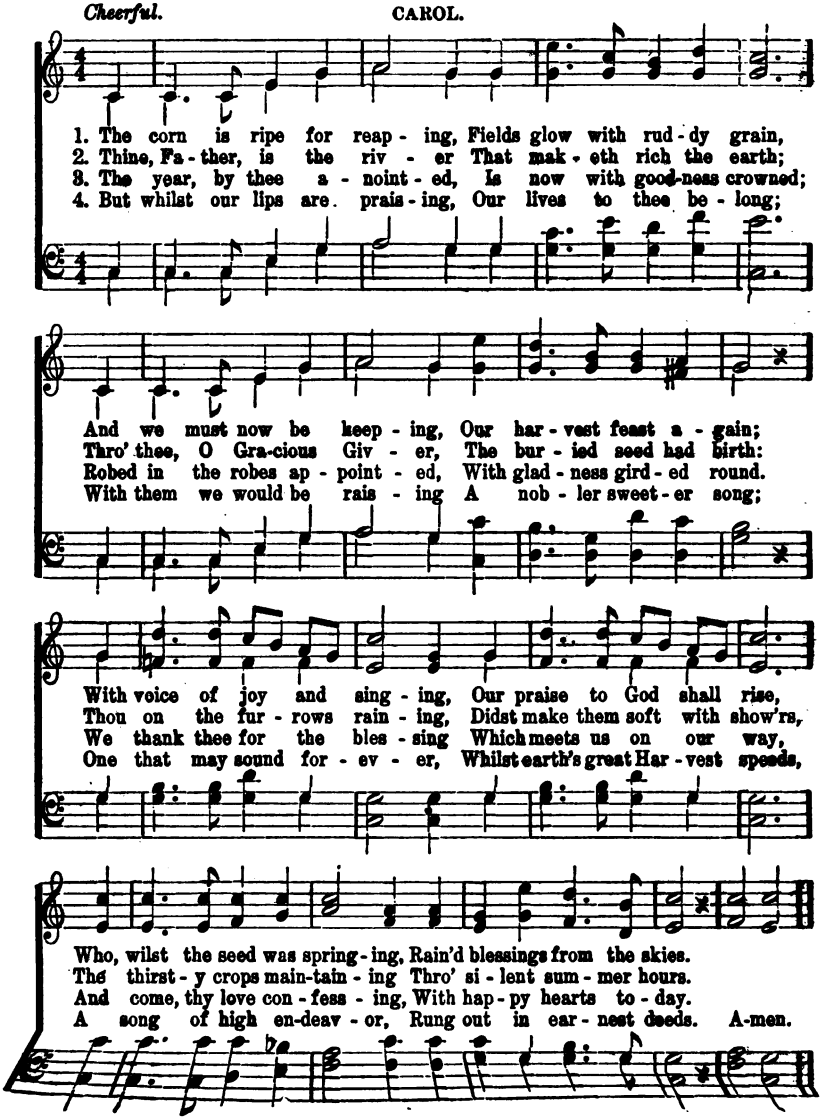




The Corn is Ripe for Reaping.

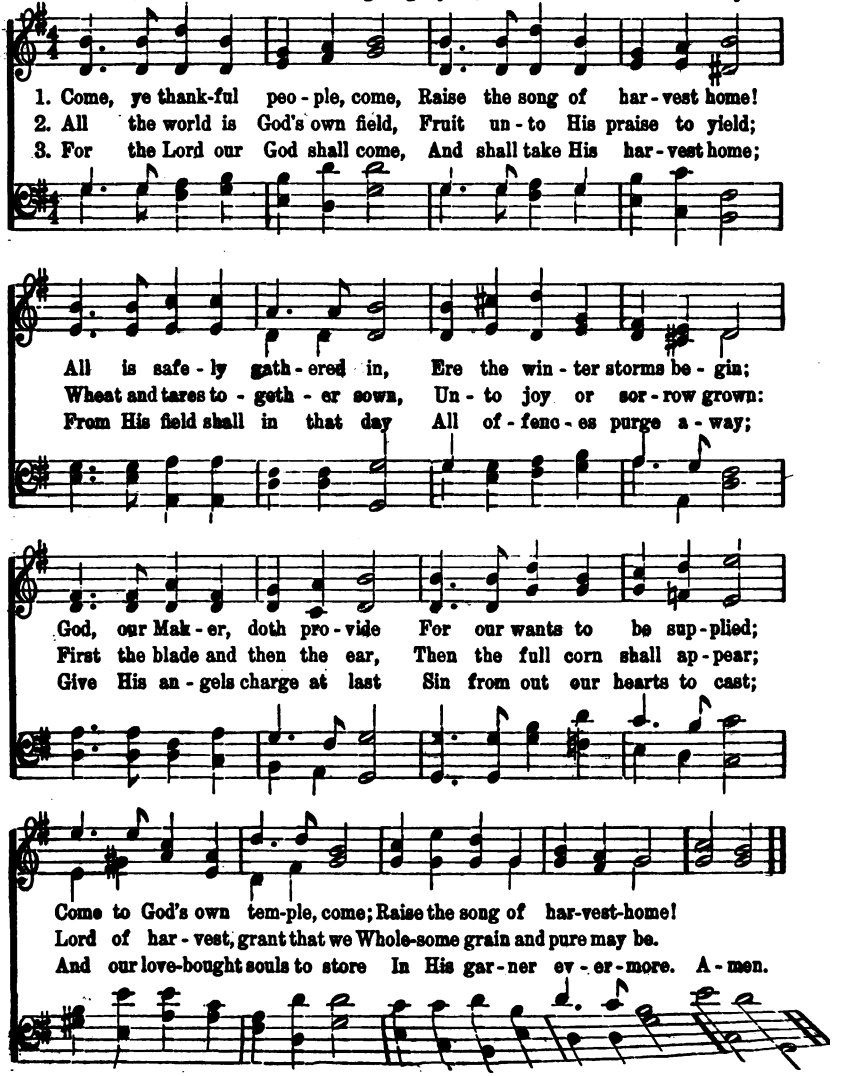
Cheerful.

CAROL.



Come, Ye Thankful People, Come. 157

Dean Alford. Thanksgiving Hymn. Sir G. J. Elvey.



What Shall the Harvest Be?

Andantino.

P. P. Bliss.

1. Sowing our seed by the dawnlight fair, Sow-ing our seed in the noonlight glare,
2. Sowing our seed by the way-side high, Sow-ing our seed on the rocks to die,
3. Sowing our seed with a care-ful hand, Sow-ing our seed in a fruit-ful land;

Sow-ing our seed in the fad-ing light, Sow-ing our seed in the sol-emn night,
Sow-ing our seed where the thorns will spoil, Sow-ing our seed in the fer-tile soil,
Sow-ing in faith till the reap-ers come, Glad-ly to gath-er the har-vest home,

Oh, what shall the har-vest be? . . Oh, what shall the har-vest be?

CHORUS.

Sown . . . in the dark - - ness or sown . . . in the

Sown in the darkness or sown in the light, Sown in the darkness or

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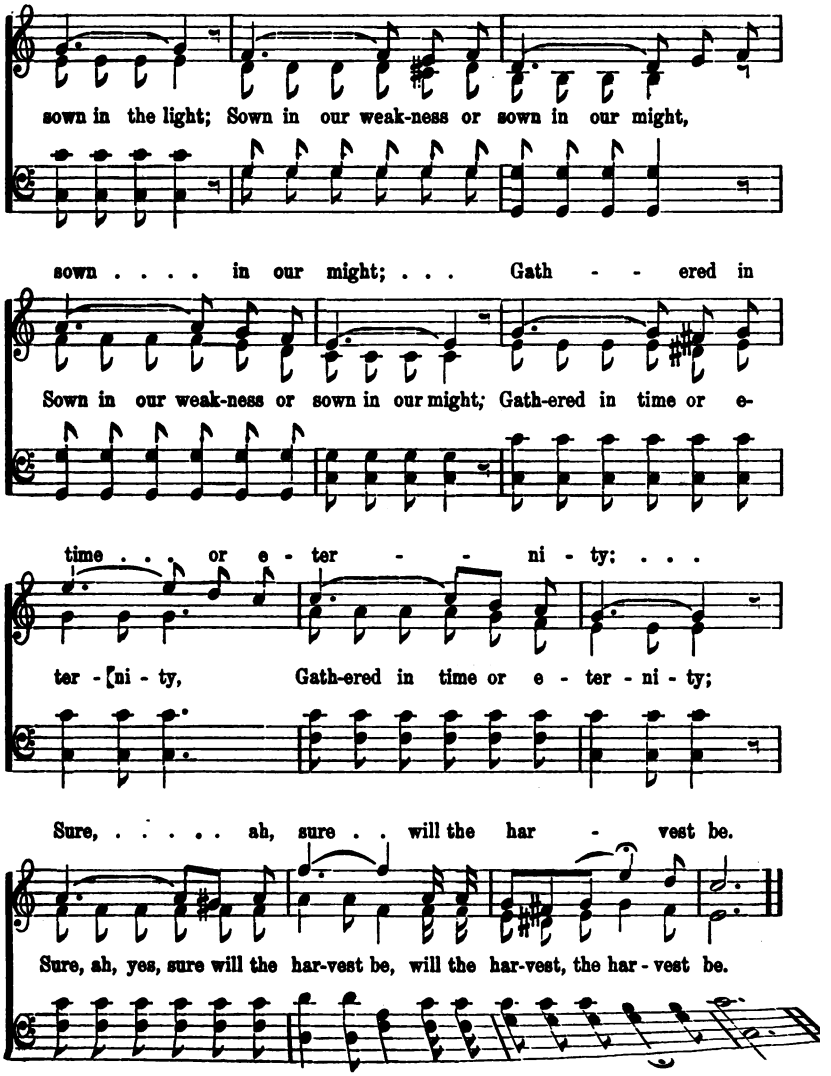
light; . . . Sown . . . . in our weak - - ness or
sown in the light; Sown in our weak-ness or sown in our might,
sown . . . . in our might; . . . Gath - - ered in
Sown in our weak-ness or sown in our might; Gath-ered in time or e-
time . . . or e - ter - - ni - ty; . . .
ter - ni - ty, Gath-ered in time or e - ter - ni - ty;
Sure, ... ah, sure . . will the har - vest be.
Sure, ah, yes, sure will the har-vest be, will the har-vest, the har - vest be.

My Redeemer.

James McGranahan.

1. I will sing of my Re-deem - er And His wond'rous love to me;
2. I will praise my dear Re-deem-er, His tri - umph - ant pow'r I'll tell,

He from death to life hath bro't me, Son of God with Him to be.
How the vic - to - ry He giv - eth O - ver sin, and death and hell.

CHORUS.

Sing, O sing . . . . . of my Re-deem - er, Sing, O
Sing, O sing of my Re-deem-er, Sing, O sing of my Re-deem-er; Sing, O

sing . . . . . His love to me; . . . . . He from
sing His love to me, His love to me, His love to me; He from

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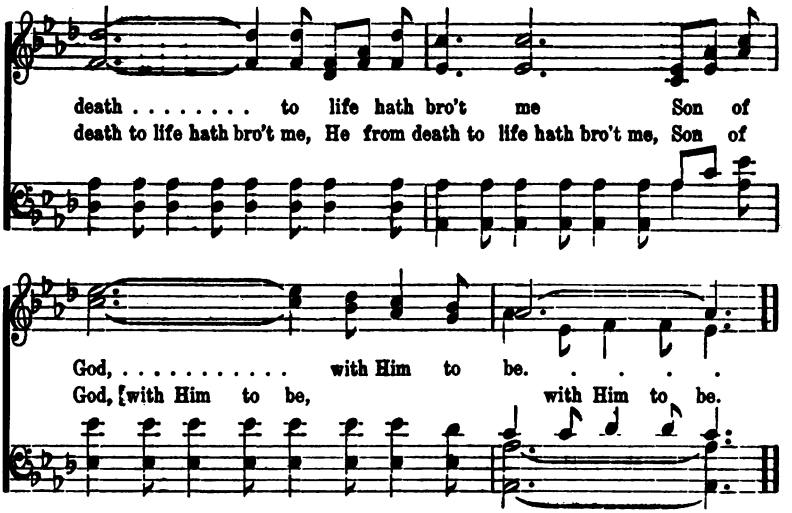
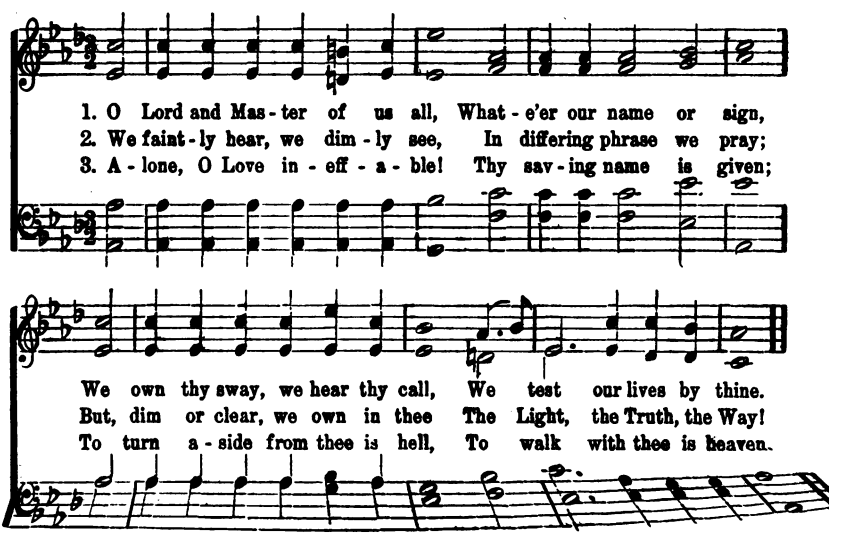

death . . . . . to life hath bro't me Son of
death to life hath bro't me, He from death to life hath bro't me, Son of
God, ... with Him to be. . . . . .
God, with Him to be, with Him to be.

Langdon. C. M.


1. O Lord and Mas - ter of us all, What - e'er our name or sign,
2. We faint - ly hear, we dim - ly see, In differing phrase we pray;
3. A - lone, O Love in - eff - a - ble! Thy sav - ing name is given;
We own thy sway, we hear thy call, We test our lives by thine.
But, dim or clear, we own in thee The Light, the Truth, the Way!
To turn a - side from thee is hell, To walk with thee is heaven.

The Song of the Angel Reapers.

E. E. R. Geo. F. Root.

1. Oh, we are the reap - ers that gar - ner in The sheaves of the
2. Go out in the by - ways and search them all; The wheat may be
3. So, come with your sick - les, ye sons of men, And gath - er to-

good from the fields of sin; With sick - les of truth must the work be done,
there, tho' the weeds are tall; Then search in the high-way and pass not by,
geth - er the gold - en grain; Toil on till the sheaves of the Lord are bound,

CHORUS.

And no one may rest till the "har-vest home."
But gath - er from all for the home on high. We are the reap-ers! Oh,
And joy - ful - ly borne from the har - vest ground.

who will come And share in the glo - ry of the "har-vest home?" Oh,

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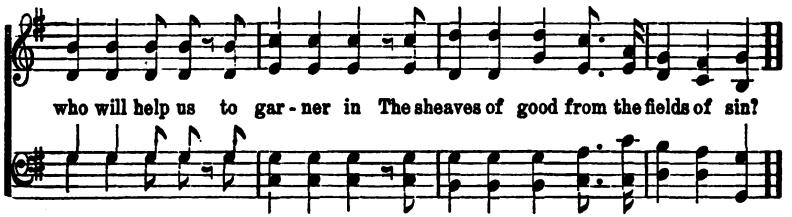

Summer Suns are Glowing.

Sam Smith.

1. Sum-mer suns are giow - ing O - ver land and sea, Hap - py light is
2. God's free mer-cy stream-eth O - ver all the world, And His ban - ner
3. We will nev - er doubt Thee; Tho' Thou veil Thy light; Life is dark with-

flow - ing, Boun - ti - ful and free. Ev - 'ry-thing re - joic - es In the
gleam-eth, Ev-'ry-where un-furled. Broad and deep and glo - rious As the
out Thee; Death with Thee is bright. Light of light! shine o'er us On our

mel - low rays, All earth's thousand voic - es Swell the psalm of praise.
heav'n a - bove, Shines in might vic - to - rious His e - ter - nal Love.
pil - grim way, Go Thou still be - fore us, To the end-less day. A-men.

I Love to Tell the Story.

Miss Kate Hankey. W. G. Fischer.

1. I love to tell the Sto - ry Of un - seen things a - bove, Of Je - sus and His sto - ry, Of Je - sus and His love! I love to tell the sto-ry; Be-cause I know 'tis true; It sat - is - fies my long - ings As noth-ing else can do.

2. I love to tell the Sto - ry! More won - der-ful it seems, Than all the gol - den fan - cies Of all our gol-den dreams. I love to tell the sto-ry, It did so much for me; And that is just the rea - son I tell it now to thee. I love to tell the sto-ry, 'Twill

3. I love to tell the Sto - ry! 'Tis pleas - ant to re - peat What seems, each time I tell it, More won-der - ful - ly sweet. I love to tell the sto-ry, For some have nev - er heard The mes - sage of sal- va - tion From God's own ho - ly word.

CHORUS.

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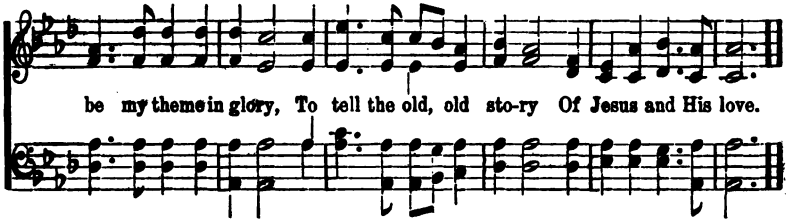
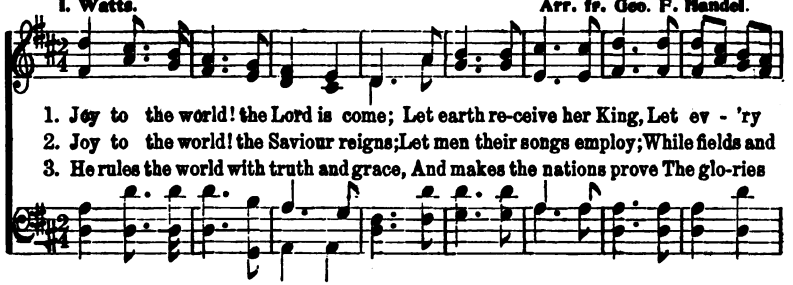
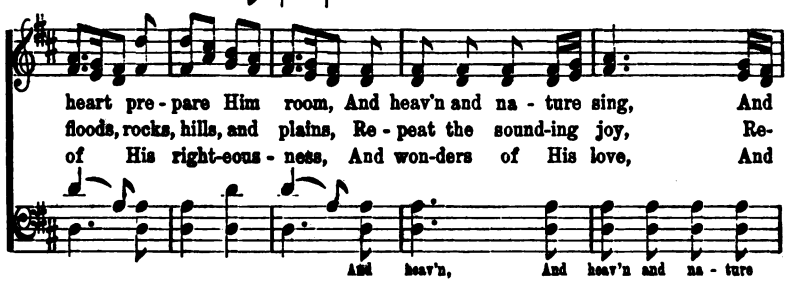
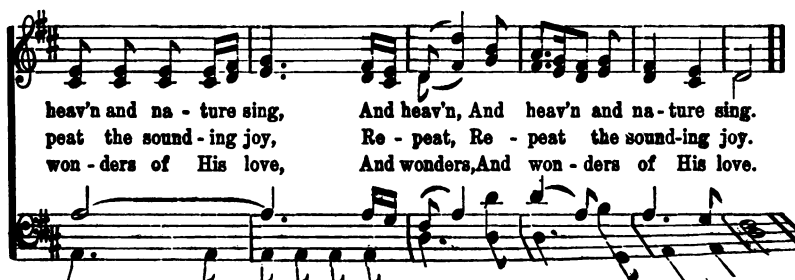


Joy to the World.

I. Watts. Arr. fr. Geo. F. Handel.







What will the Recompense Be?

Eben E. Rexford. S. W. Straub.

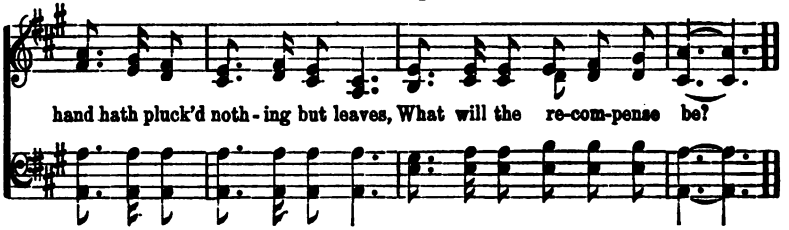
1. Har-vest-er, har-vest-er, gath-er thy sheaves! The Mas-ter is
2. Har-vest-er, har-vest-er, faith-ful to God, O seek by the
3. Har-vest-er, har-vest-er, dal-ly no more And think what the

com-ing this way; My heart o'er its fol-ly and i-dle-ness
way-side and find, Grown in the weeds where the rank bram-bles
Mas-ter would say, "O gath-er the sheaves till the har-vest is

CHORUS.

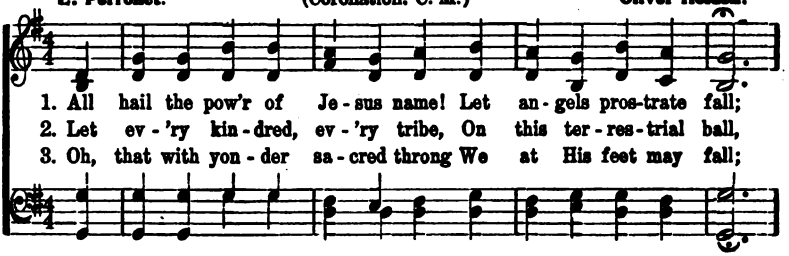
grieves And the hours it has squan-der'd a-way
nod, The wheat for the sheaves you would bind. Gath-er, gath-er,
o'er— Go work with the reap-ers to-day.

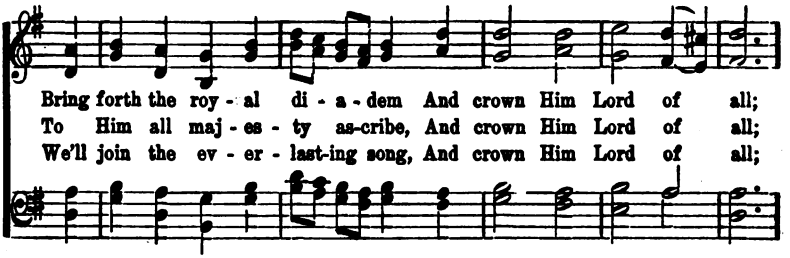
gath-er the sheaves, Bound in the har-vest by thee; O soul, if thy

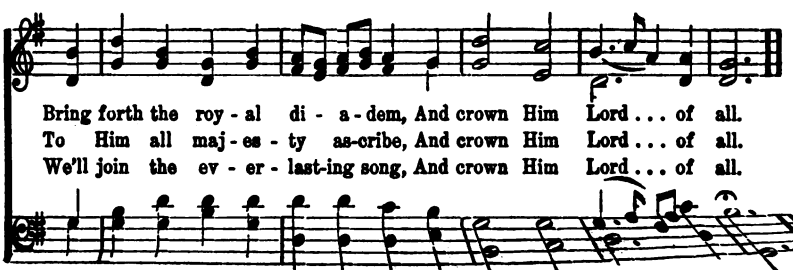


All Hail the Power.

E. Perronet. (Coronation. C. M.) Oliver Holden.







Give.

Allegrettino. H. MILLARD.

1. Give; 'tis the Sav-iour's pre - cept; Give from your bounteous store;
2. Give; for your gifts are wor - thy; Give tho' the gift be small;

Give to the poor and need - y; Give ye for - ev - er - more.
Give, for a will - ing giv - er God lov - eth best of all.

SOLO.

Round us our hun - gry broth - ers Ask of our kind - ly hand;
None are so poor and need - y That they can noth-ing spare;

TUTTI. CHORUS.

Ev - er the cry of sor-row Echoes throughout the land. Give, Give,
Hark! to the cries for pit - y; Hark! to the orphan's prayer.

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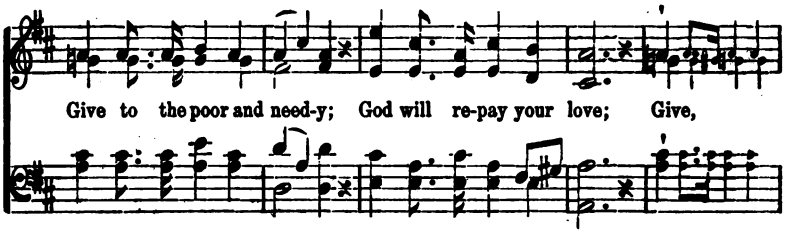
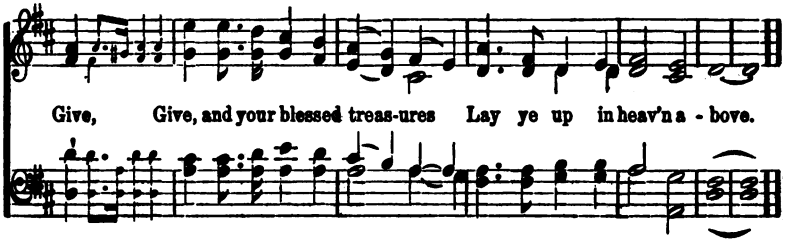
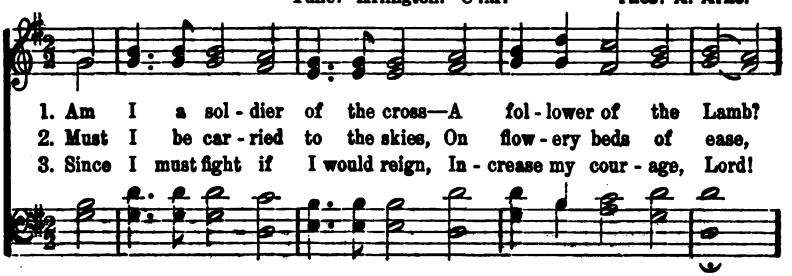
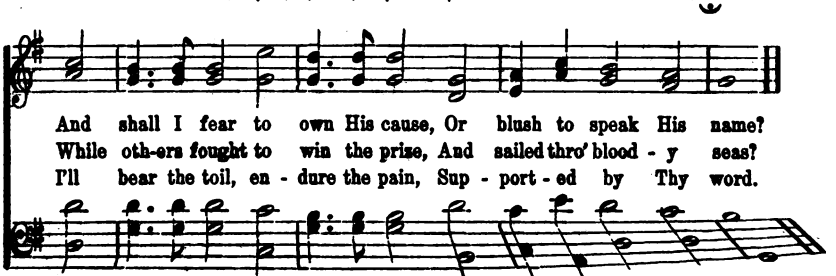




Am I a Soldier of the Cross?

Tune: Arlington. C.M. Thos. A. Arne.





The Armor of Light.

Paulina. *Firmly.* **Geo. F. Root.**

1. We're sol-diers on du - ty, the foe is at hand; We wait from our
2. Oh, ne'er let us fal - ter or faint in the strife! The term of our
3. The march may be wea - ry, and rug - ged the way That leads to the

Cap - tain the word of com - mand; We'll wage a stout war - fare for
serv - ice shall end but with life; Then on-ward, and up-ward! we'll
glo - ri - ous por - tals of day, But "faith-ful is He who hath

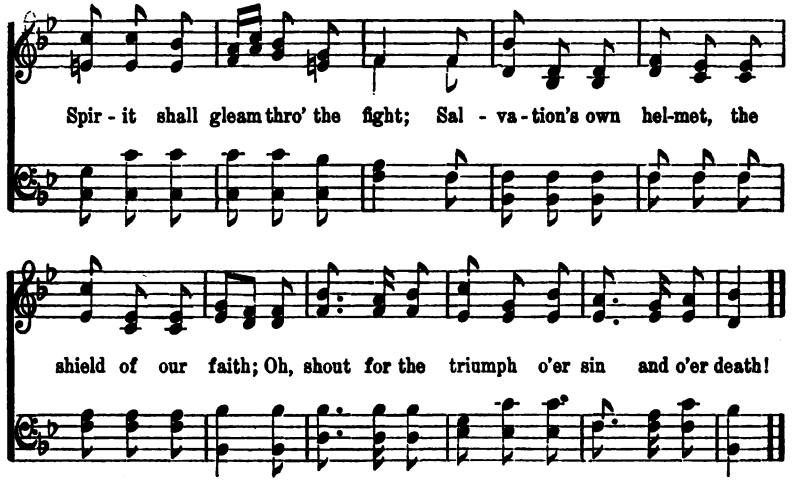
truth and the right, But first must we put on the ar - mor of light.
win thro' His might Who loved us and gave us His ar - mor of light.
prom-ised" to write Those bless-ed who bear on His ar - mor of light.

CHORUS.

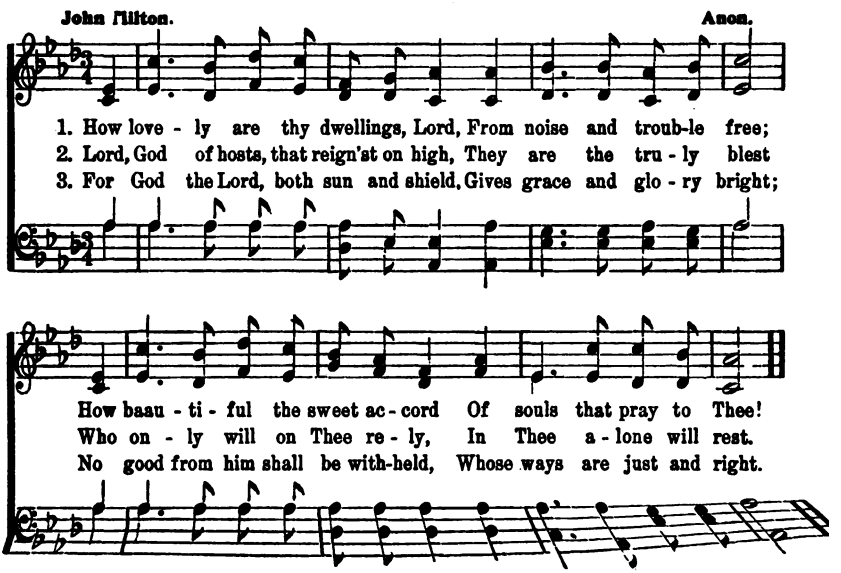
Oh, ar - mor, bright ar - mor, true ar - mor of light! The sword of the

From "The Prize."

The Armor of Light. Concluded.



How Lovely are Thy Dwellings, Lord.



We Plough the Fields.

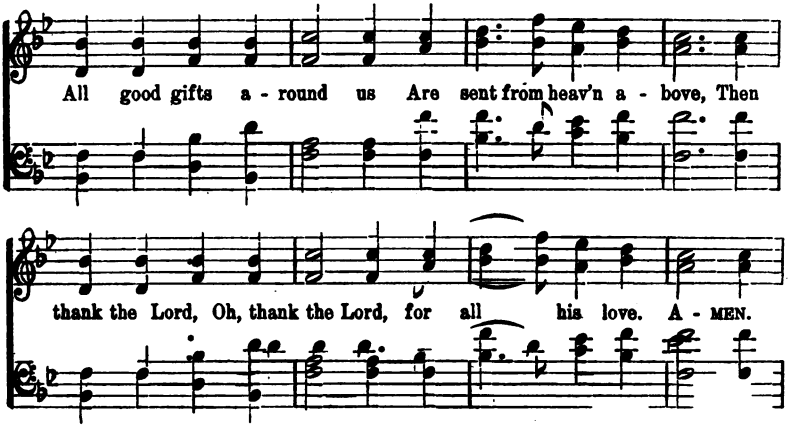
Joyous. German.

1. We plough the fields, and scat - ter The good seed on the land,
2. Thou on - ly art the mak - er Of all things near and far,
3. We thank thee, O our Fath - er, For all things bright and good,

But it is fed and wa - tered By Thine al-might - y hand;
The tint up - on the rose - leaf, The light with - in the star:
The seed - time and the har - vest, Our life, our health, our food;

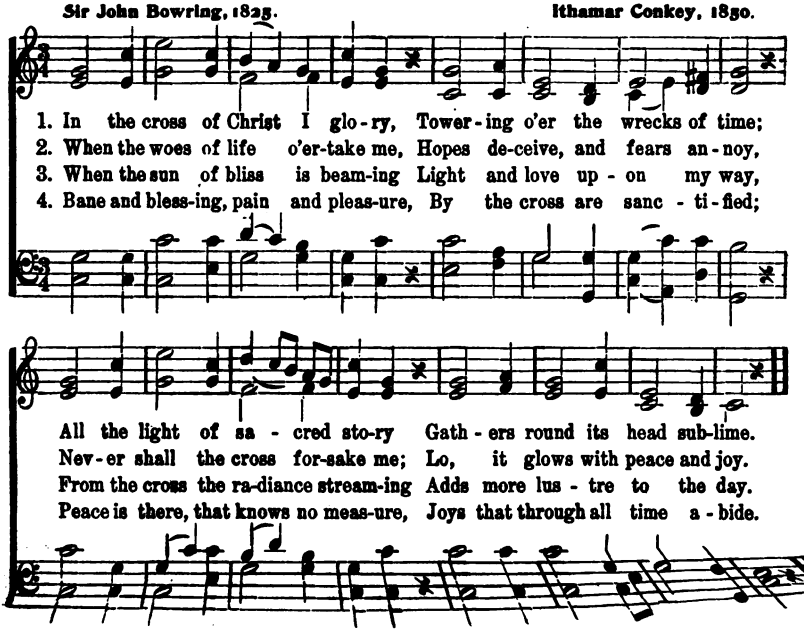
From Thee the snow in win - ter, The warmth to swell the grain,
The winds and waves o - bey Thee, The storms by Thee are led,
Thy own kind hand hath kept us Through all the chang-ing year.

The breez-es, and the sun - shine, And soft re-fresh - ing rain.
On Thee all eyes are wait - ing, By Thee all creatures fed.
Thy love it is that brings us, A - gain to wor-ship here.



In the Cross of Christ I Glory.

Sir John Bowring, 1825. Ithamar Conkey, 1850.



Only an Armour-Bearer.

P. P. Bliss. P. P. Bliss.

1. On - ly an armour - bearer, proud - ly I stand, Wait - ing to fol - low at the King's command; March - ing if "onward" shall the or - der be, Stand-ing by my Cap - tain, serv - ing faith-ful - ly.

2. On - ly an armour - bearer, now in the field, Guard - ing a shin-ing hel - met, sword, and shield, Wait - ing to hear the thrill - ing bat - tle cry, Read - y then to an - swer, "Mas-ter here am I."

3. On - ly an armour - bearer, yet may I share, Glo - ry, im- mor-tal, and a bright crown wear: If, in the bat - tle, to my trust I'm true, Mine shall be the hon - ors in the Grand Re - view.

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Only an Armour-Bearer. Concluded.

CHORUS.

Hear ye the bat-tle cry! "Forward," the call! See! see the falt'ring ones!

back-ward they fall. Sure - ly the Cap-tain may de - pend on me,

Tho' but an armour-bear-er I may be; Sure - ly the Cap-tain

may de - pend on me, Tho' but an ar - mour-bear-er I may be.

To the Work.

F. J. Crosby. W. H. Doane.

1. To the work! to the work! we are ser-vants of God; Let us fol - low the path that our Mas - ter has trod; With the balm of His coun - sel our strength to re-new, Let us do with our might what our hands find to do.

2. To the work! to the work! there is la - bor for all, For the king-dom of dark - ness and er - ror shall fall; And the name of Je - ho - vah ex- alt - ed shall be In the loud swell-ing cho - rus, "Sal - va - tion is free!

3. To the work! to the work! in the strength of the Lord, And a robe and a crown shall our la - bor re - ward; When the home of the faith - ful our dwell - ing shall be, And we shout with the ran-som'd, "Sal - va - tion is free!

CHORUS.

Toil-ing on, toil-ing on, toil-ing on, toil-ing on,
Toil-ing on, toil-ing on, toil-ing on, toil-ing on,

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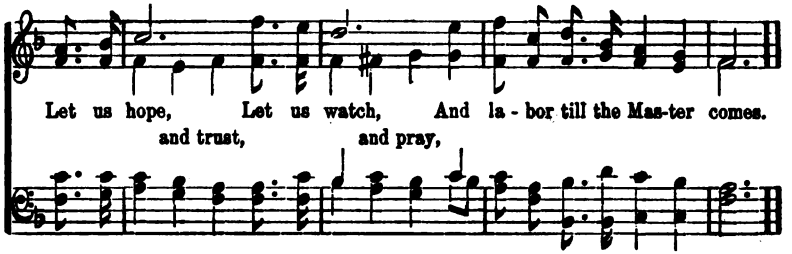
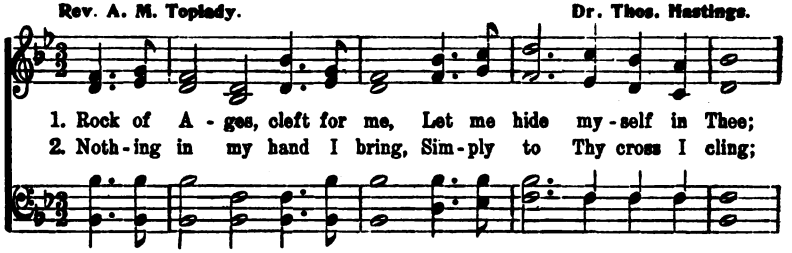
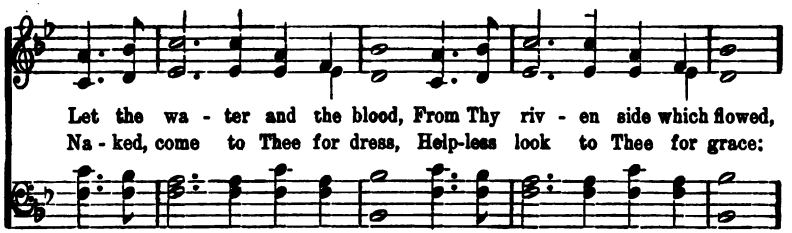
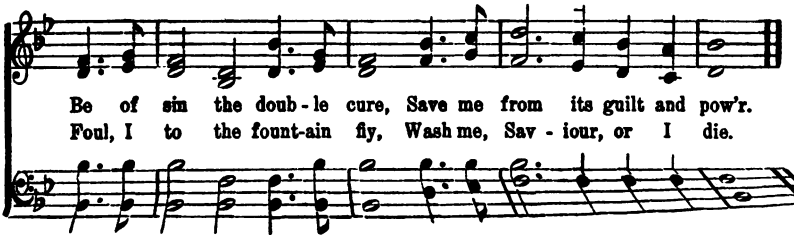


Rock of Ages.

Rev. A. M. Toplady. Dr. Thos. Hastings.







Sound the Battle Cry!

Wm. F. Sherwin. Wm. F. Sherwin.

Vigorously, in march time.

1. Sound the bat - tle cry! See! the foe is nigh; Raise the standard high
2. Strong to meet the foe, Marching on we go, While our cause we know
3. Oh! Thou God of all, Hear us when we call Help us one and all

For the Lord; Gird your ar - mor on, Stand firm ev - 'ry one; Rest your
Must pre - vail; Shield and ban-ner bright Gleam-ing in the light; Bat - tling
By Thy grace; When the bat-tle's done, And the vict - 'ry won, May we

CHORUS. *ff*

cause up - on His ho - ly word.
for the right We ne'er can fail. Rouse then sol - diers! ral - ly round the
wear the crown Be - fore Thy face.

ban-ner! Read-y, stead-y, pass the word a - long; On-ward, for-ward,

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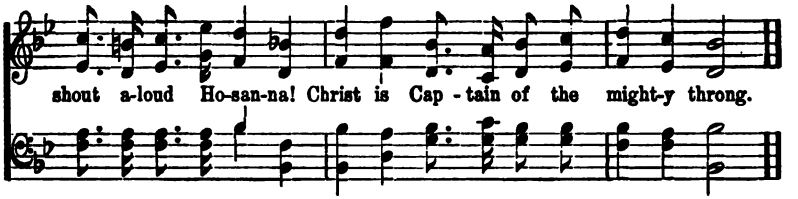
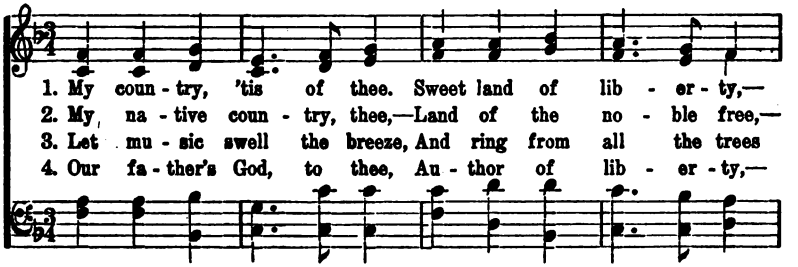
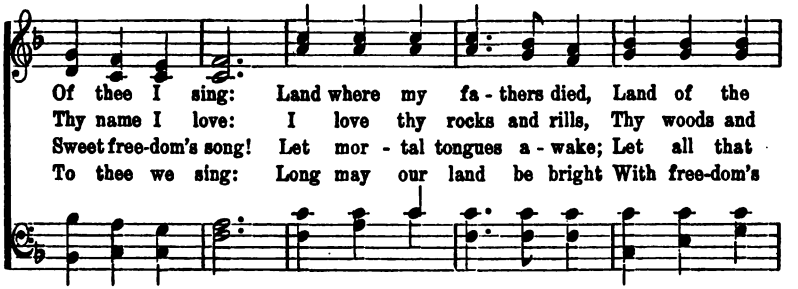
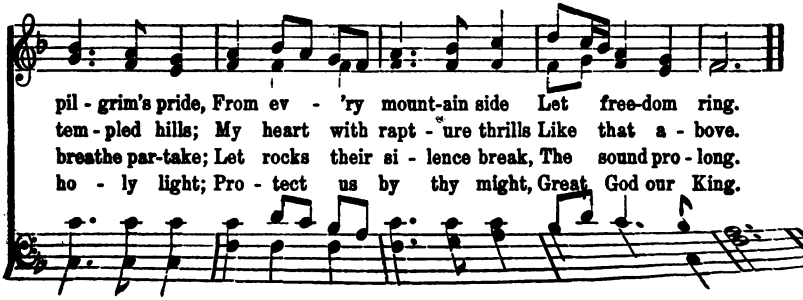


America.

S. F. Smith.

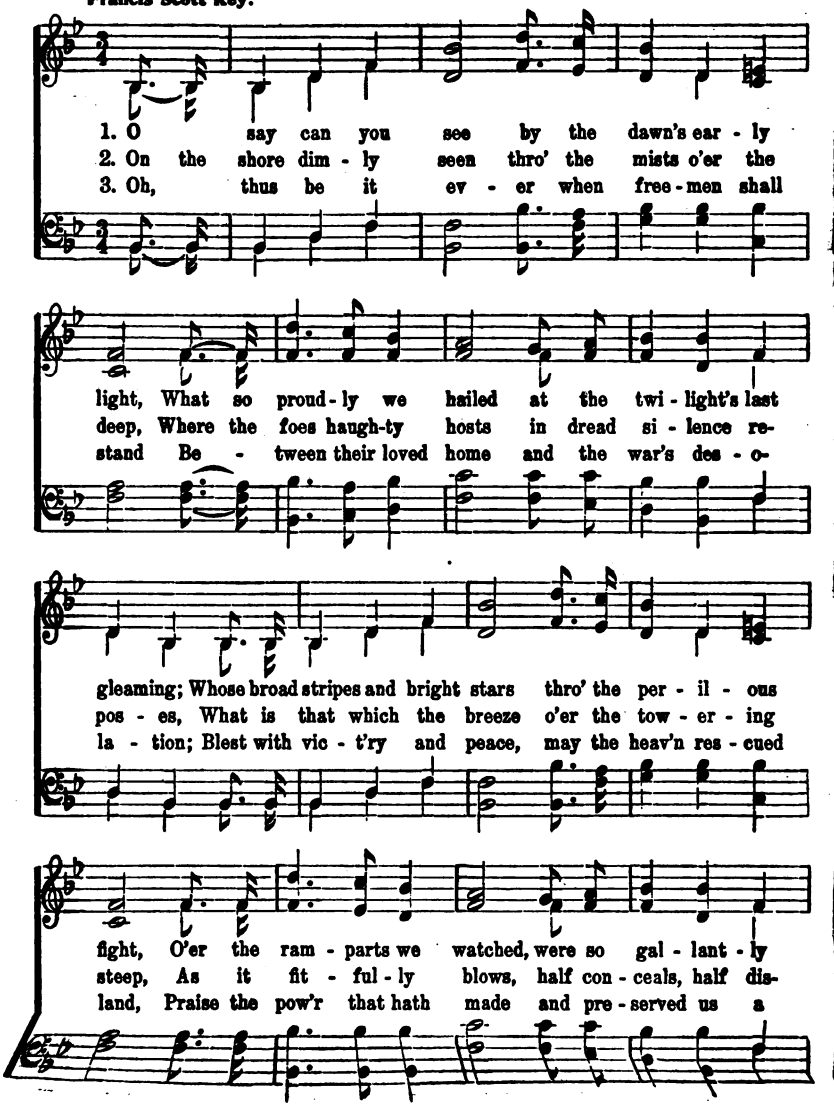


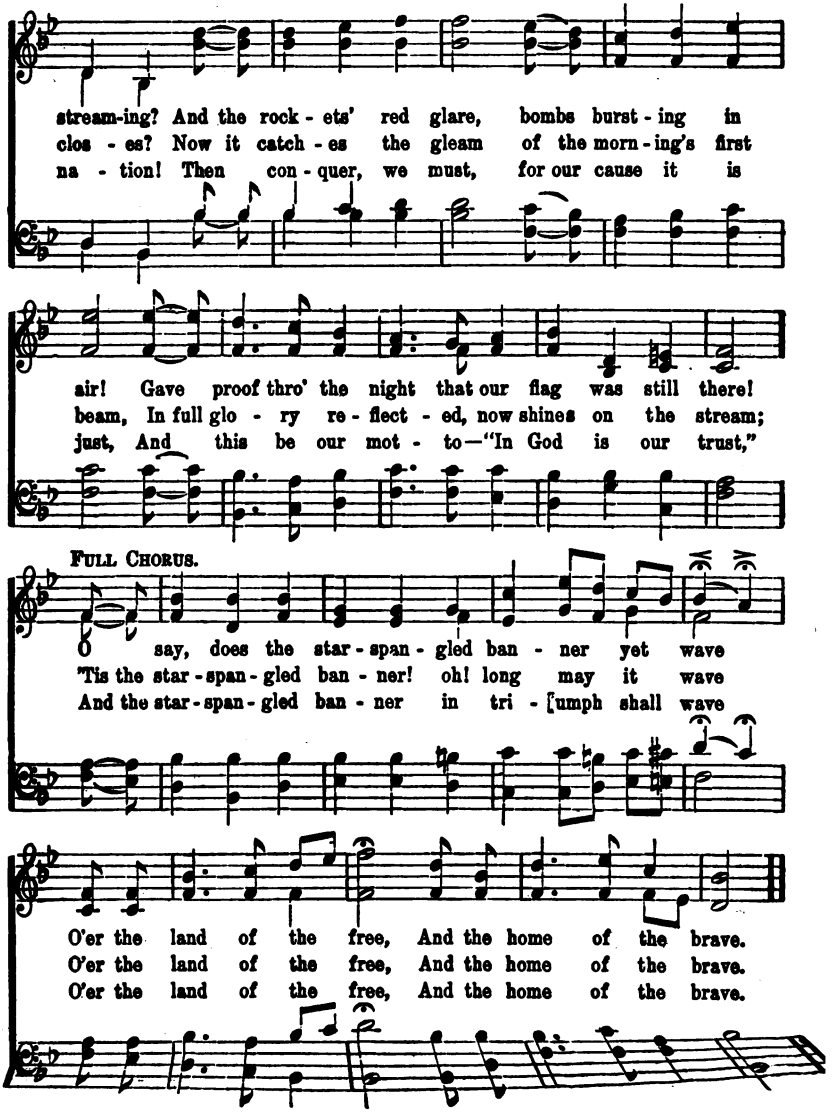




Star Spangled Banner.

Francis Scott Key.




stream-ing? And the rock - ets' red glare, bombs burst - ing in
clos - es? Now it catch - es the gleam of the morn - ing's first
na - tion! Then con - quer, we must, for our cause it is
air! Gave proof thro' the night that our flag was still there!
beam, In full glo - ry re - flect - ed, now shines on the stream;
just, And this be our mot - to—"In God is our trust,"
FULL CHORUS.
O say, does the star - span - gled ban - ner yet wave
'Tis the star - span - gled ban - ner! oh! long may it wave
And the star - span - gled ban - ner in tri - umph shall wave
O'er the land of the free, And the home of the brave.
O'er the land of the free, And the home of the brave.
O'er the land of the free, And the home of the brave.

Hark! the Herald-Angels Sing.

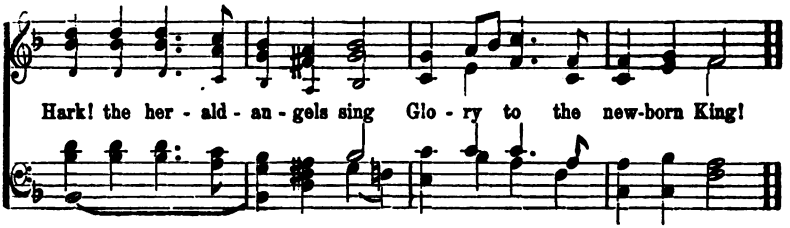
C. Wesley. Mendelssohn.

1. Hark! the her - ald - an - gels sing, Glo - ry to the new-born King;
2. Hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail, the Son of Right-eous-ness!

Peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!
Light and Life to all He brings, Risen with heal - ing in His wings.

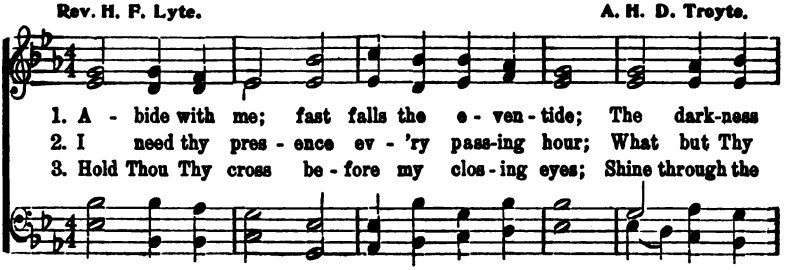
Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, Join the tri - umph of the skies;
Mild He lays His glo - ry by, Born that man no more may die,

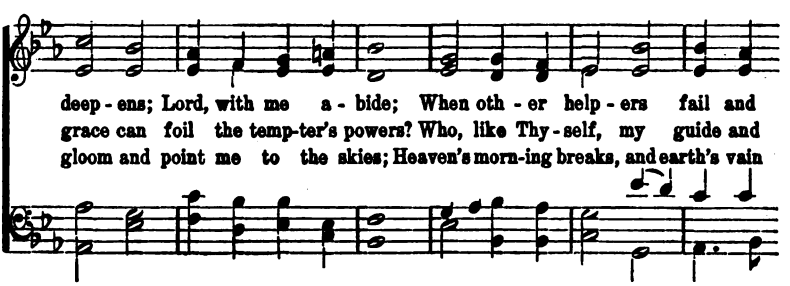
With the an - gel-host pro - claim, Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!
Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them second birth;

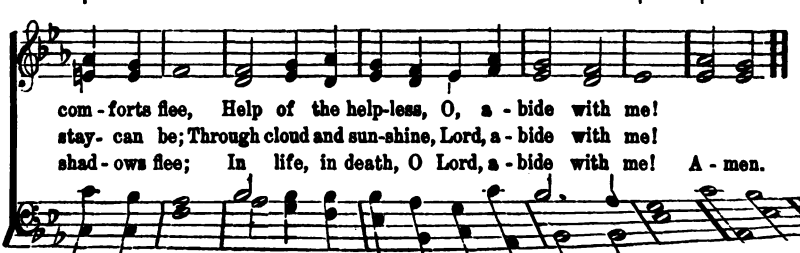


Abide With Me.

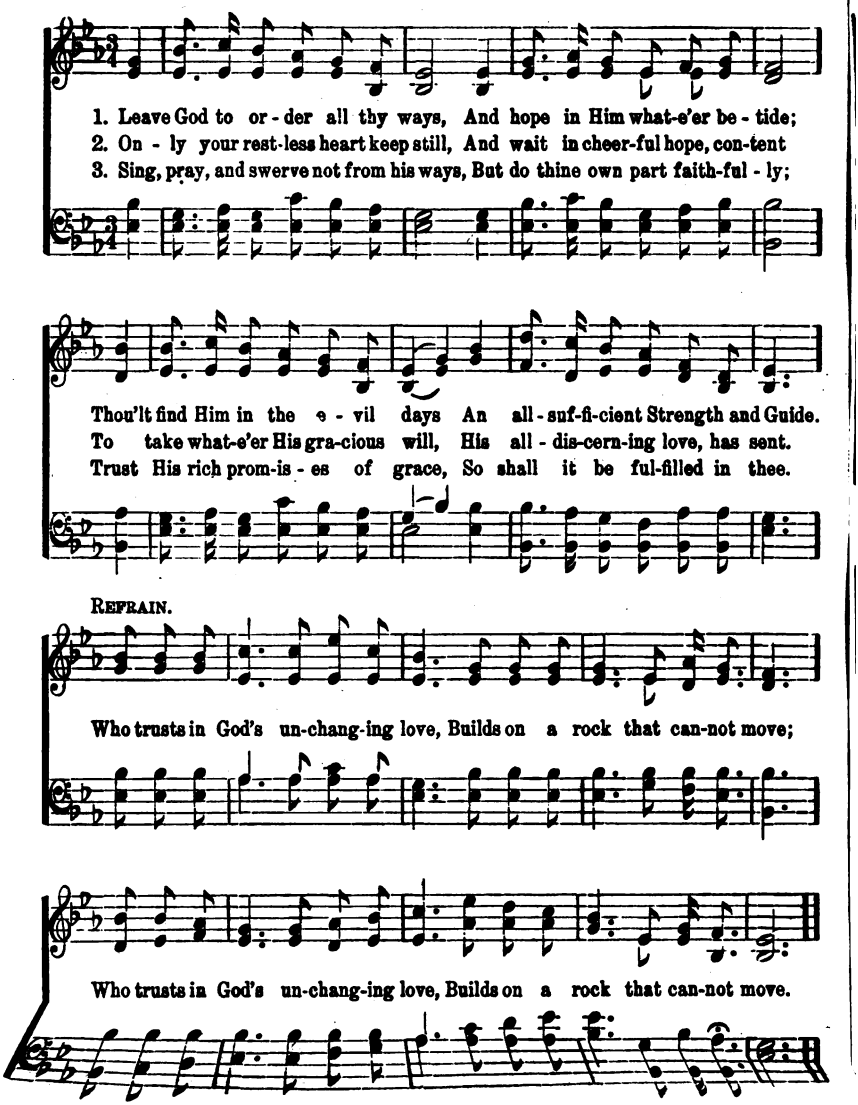
Rev. H. F. Lyte. A. H. D. Troyte.







Leave God to Order all Thy Ways.



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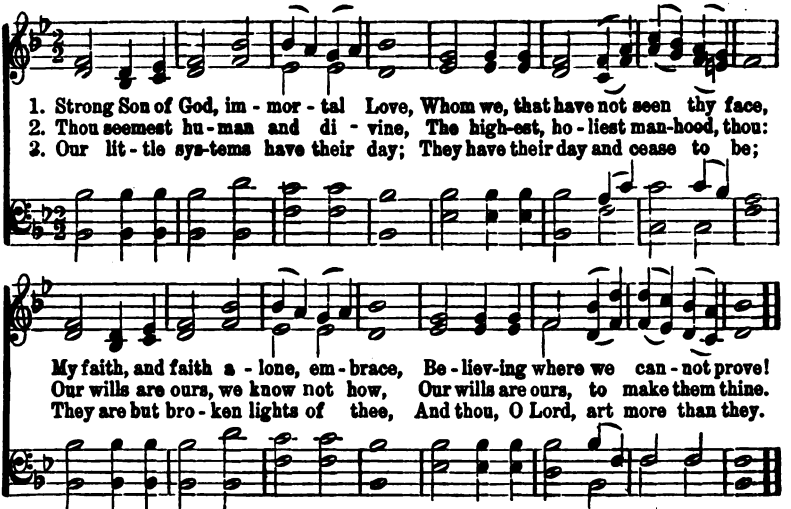

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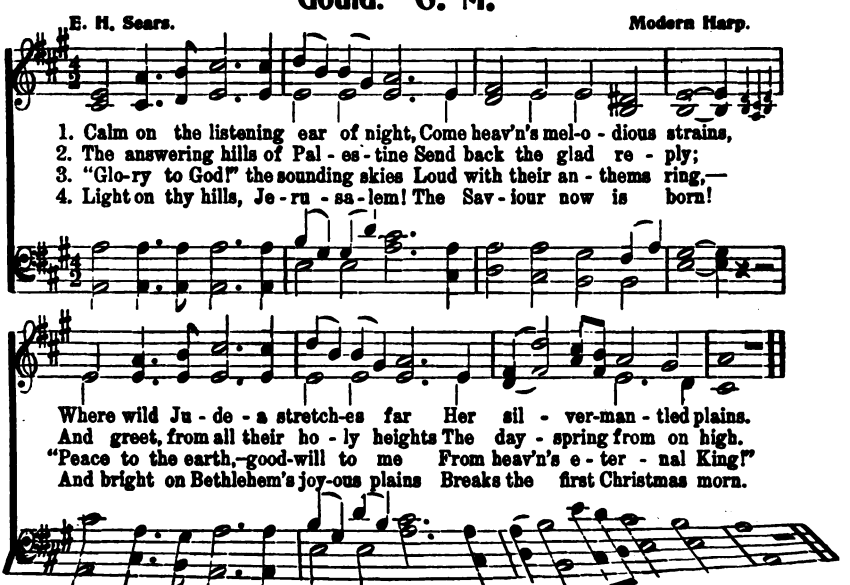


O Little Town of Bethlehem!

PHILLIPS BROOKS. SCHUBERT.

1. O lit - tle town of Beth-le-hem, How still we see thee lie!
2. For Christ is born of Ma - ry, And gath-ered all a - bove,
3. How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly The won-drous gift is giv'n!
4. O ho - ly Child of Beth-le-hem! De-scend to us, we pray;

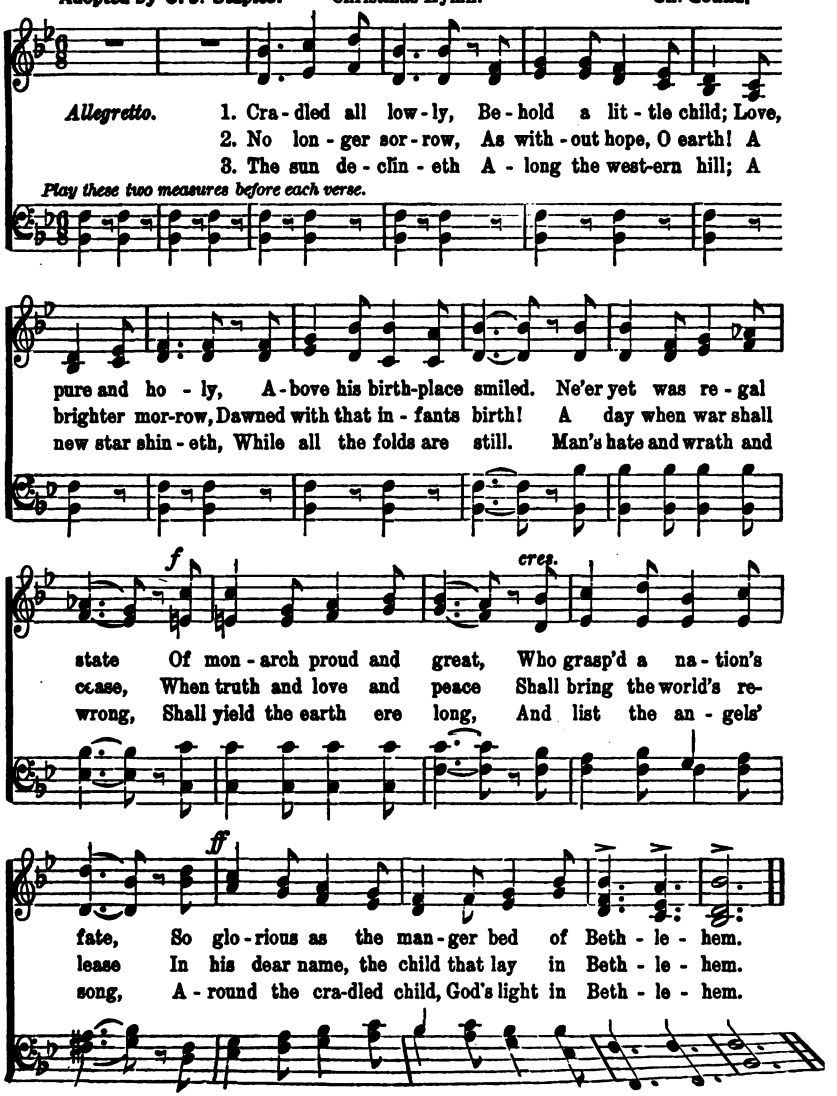
A - bove thy deep and dreamless sleep The si - lent stars go by;
While mor - tals sleep the an - gels keep Their watch of wond'ring love.
So God im-parts to hu-man hearts, The bless - ings of His heav'n.
Cast out our sin and en - ter in,— Be born in us to - day.

Yet in thy dark streets shineth The ev - er-last-ing light; The hopes and
O morn-ing stars! to - geth-er Pro-claim the ho - ly birth, And prais - es
No ear may hear His com-ing; But in this world of sin, Where meek souls
We hear the Christmas an-gels, The great glad ti-dings tell,— Oh, come to

fears of all the years Are met in thee to-night! Are met in thee to-night!
sing to God the King, And peace to men on earth! And peace to men on earth!
will receive Him still, The dear Christ enters in, The dear Christ en-ters in.
us, a-bide with us, Our Lord Em-man-u - el! Our Lord Em - man-u - el!

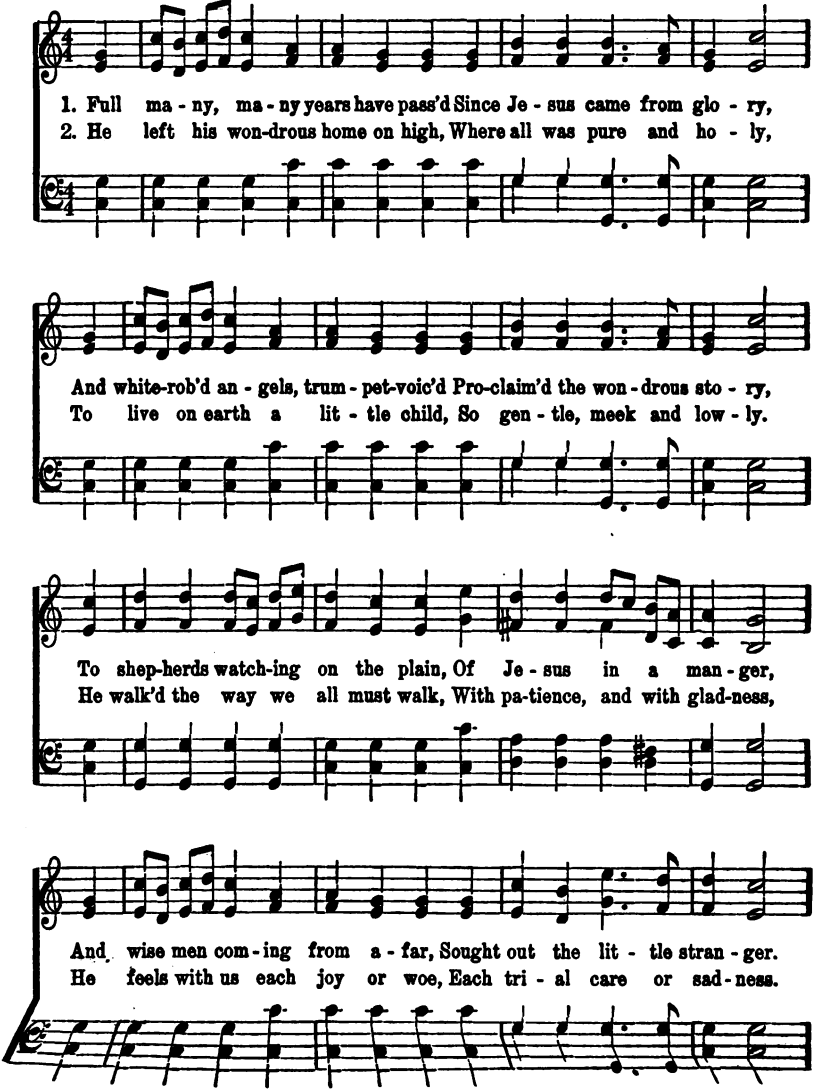
Cradled all Lowly.

Adopted by C. J. Staples. **Christmas Hymn.** **Ch. Gound.**



188 **Tonight He Comes to Earth Again.**

M. E. Servoss. S. W. Straub.



QUARTET. *Piano and Staccato.*

To - night He comes to earth a-gain, Each heart be-comes a man - ger,

Each knee with sa - cred love shall bend Be - fore the lit - tle stran-ger;

FULL CHORUS.

Our homes shall be His Beth - le - hem, Our voic - es tell the sto - ry,

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And join - ing with the an - gel throng We'll sing a - loud His glo - ry.

He Leadeth Me.

Jos. H. Gilmore. Wm. B. Bradbury.

1. He lead-eth me! oh! blessed thought, Oh! words with heav'nly comfort fraught;
2. Sometimes 'mid scenes of deepest gloom, Sometimes where Eden's bow-ers bloom,
3. Lord, I would clasp Thy hand in mine, Nor ev - er mur - mur nor re - pine—

What-e'er I do, wher-e'er I be, Still 'tis God's hand that lead-eth me.
By wa - ters still, o'er troub-led sea, Still 'tis God's hand that lead-eth me.
Con-tent, what-ev - er lot I see, Since 'tis my God that lead-eth me.

REFRAIN.

He lead - eth me! He lead - eth me! By His own hand He lead-eth me;
His faith - ful follower I would be, For by His hand He lead - eth me.

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The Angelic Host.

For Christmas or other festivals. **Wm. B. Bradbury.**

1. Hark! what mean those ho - ly voi - ces, Sweetly sound - ing thro' the skies?

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Lo th'an-gel - - - ic host re - joi - ces; Heav'nly hal - le - lu - jahs rise,

Lo th'an-gel - ic host re - joi - ces;

Hear them tell the wondrous sto - ry, Hear them chant their hymns of

Hear them tell the wondrous sto - ry, Hear them chant their hymns of

joy, "Glo - ry in the high - est! glo - ry! Glo - ry be to God most high!"

2 Peace on earth—good will from heaven,
Reaching far as man is found;
"Souls redeemed, and sins forgiven."
Loud our golden harps shall sound.
Christ is born, the great Anointed;
Heaven and earth his praises sing!
Oh, *receive whom God* appointed,
For your Prophet, Priest, and King.

3 Haste, ye mortals, to adore Him;
Learn His name, and taste His joy,
Till in heaven ye sing before Him,
Glory be to God most high.
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Happy Christmas Time.

F. L. H.

CAROL.

Geo. F. Root.
From "Under the Psalms."

1. With joy we greet thy glad re - turn, O hap - py day! O
D. C.—Then bay and pine with hol - ly twine, O hap - py day! O

m *f* FINE.

hap - py day! Where-on the Prince of Peace was born, Hap-py Christmas day!
hap - py day! High o - ver all thy fes - ti - val, Hap-py Christmas day!

With-out the winds of win - ter blow, On Christmas day! On Christmas day! But

cres. D. C.

bright with - in the the fire - side glow, Hap-py Christ-mas day!

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2 From heart to heart the greetings flow,
On Christmas day! On Christmas day!
As up and down the people go,
Happy Christmas day!
Within the trees are blossoming,
O happy day! O happy day!
All bright with love's eternal spring,
Happy Christmas day!
While hut and hall keep festival,
On Christmas day! On Christmas day!
And crown with cheer the waning year,
Happy Christmas day!

3 Nor time shall dim our love for him,
O happy day! O happy day!
Whose lowly birth gave joy to earth,
Happy Christmas day!
Still shines for us the star that led,
O happy day! O happy day!
The magi to the manger-bed,
Happy Christmas day!
And grows more clear with every year,
O happy day! O happy day!
The joyful word the shepherds heard,
Happy Christmas day!

The First Nowell.

(Christmas Carol.)

Traditional.

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1. The first Now - ell the an - gel did say Was to cer - tain poor
2. They look - éd up and saw a star, Shin-ing in the
3. And by the light of that same star, Three Wise Men
4. Then en - tered in those Wise Men three, Most rev - er - ent-

shep-herds, in fields as they lay, In fields where they lay keep-ing their
East be - yond them far, And to the earth it gave great
came from coun - try far; To seek for a king was their in-
ly up - on their knee, And of - fered their in His pres-

CHORUS.

sheep, On a cold win-ter's night That was so deep.
light, And so it con - tin-ued both day and night. New - ell, Now-
tent, And to fol - low the star wher-ev - er it went.
ence, But gold, and myrrh, and frank - in - cense.

ell, Now - ell, Now - ell, Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

In the Lowly Manger Lying.

H. Millard.

Moderato.

1. In the low - ly man - ger ly - ing, See, the love - ly babe ap-pears!
2. Wond'ring shepherds watching nightly, Saw the star a - bove them shine,
3. Tell the sweet and won-drous sto - ry, How the Son of God on high
4. Sing of how he came to mor-tals Thro' his love and kind - li - ness!—

Round him beams the light un - dy - ing, And his smile thro' darkness cheers!
And it led them, gleam-ing brightly, To the Lord of love di - vine!
Left his home of peace and glo - ry, In the realms be - yond the sky!
How he open'd Heav'n's bright por - tals, All his chil - dren here to bless!

CHORUS. GIRLS.

An - gels wake the bless-ed cho - rus,

CHORUS. BOYS

Lo! the night hath pass'd a - way!

TUTTI.

a tempo.

See, the King who reign-eth o'er us,— Was a babe on Christ-mas day!

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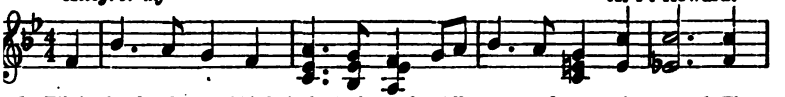
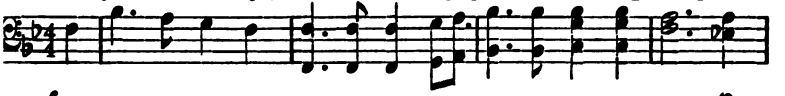
Christmas Carol.

Allegro. *mf* A. P. Howard.



1. While shepherds watch'd their flocks by night, All seat - ed on the ground, The
2. "To you in Da - vid's town, this day Is born, of Da - vid's line, A
3. Thus spake the ser - aph, and forth-with Ap - peared a shin - ing throng Of



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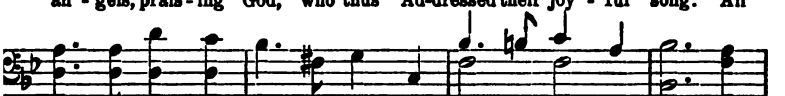
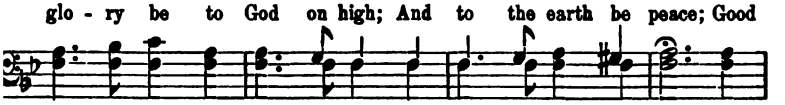
an - gel of the Lord came down, And glo - ry shone a - round. "Fear
Sav - ior, who is Christ the Lord; And this shall be the sign: The
an - gels, prais - ing God, who thus Ad-dressed their joy - ful song: "All



rit. *a tempo.*

not," said He, for might - y dread Had seized their troub - led mind, "Glad
heav'n-ly babe you there shall find, To hu - man view dis - played, All
glo - ry be to God on high; And to the earth be peace; Good



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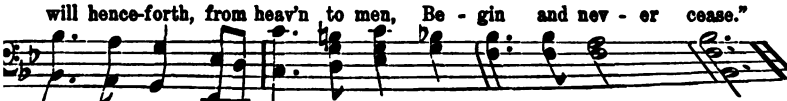
ti - dings of great joy I bring To you and all man - kind.
mean - ly wrapt in swath - ing bands, And in a man - ger laid."
will hence-forth, from heav'n to men, Be - gin and nev - er cease."



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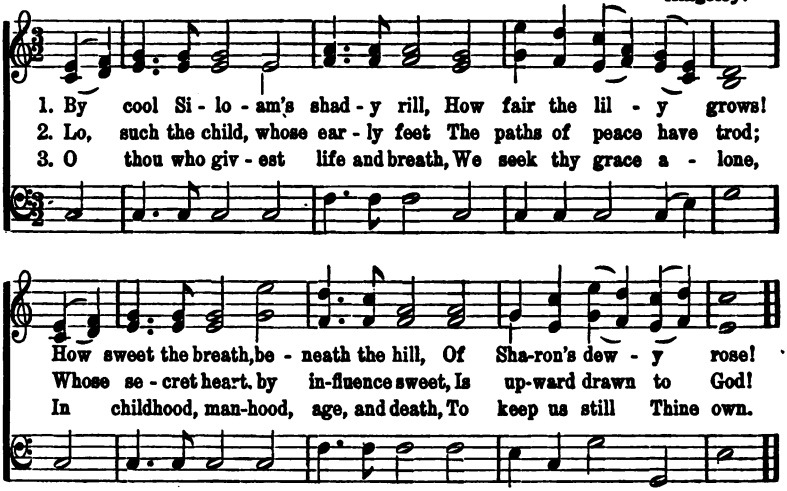

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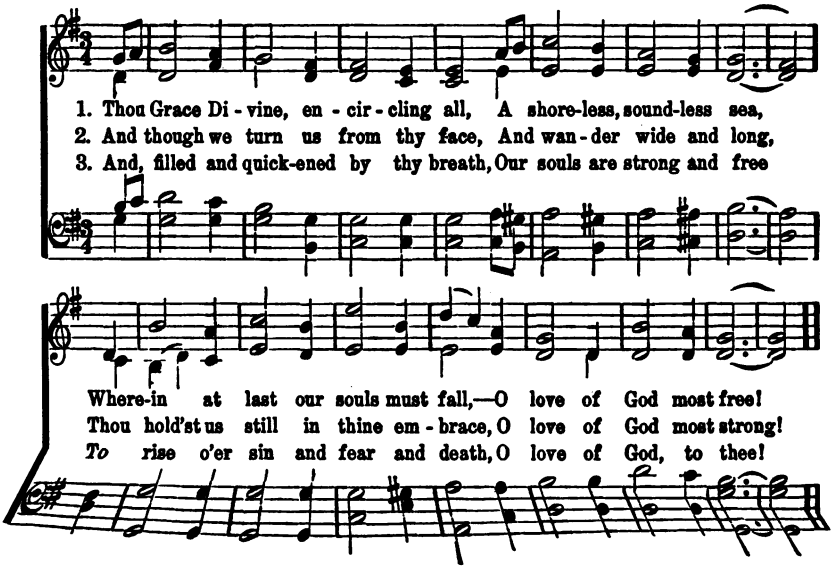

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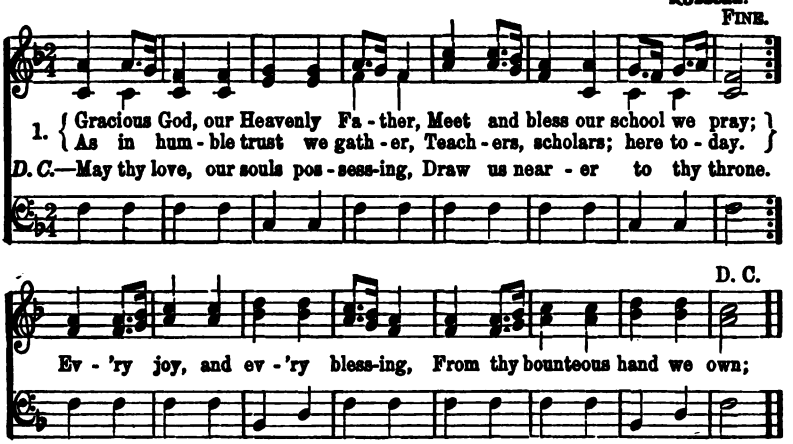
Rousseau.



2 Weak, imperfect, tempted, erring,
From thy precepts, Lord, we stray;
Let thy spirit, from our wandering,
Bring us back to virtue's way.
Humble, penitent, confiding.
May we rest our hope in thee;
In thy favor, Lord abiding,
In thy peace and purity.

3 So, by faith and love perfected
Unto every Christian grace,
In our lives the life reflected
Of our Saviour may we trace.
Here our joys and duties blending
With thy service on our way,
Till, from earth to heaven ascending,
Dawns on us the perfect day.

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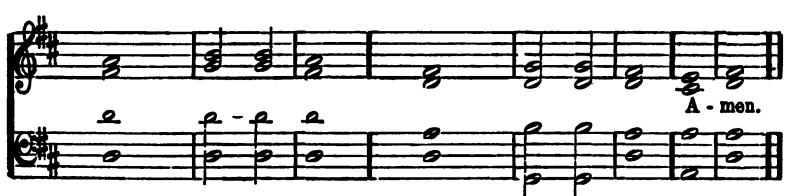

PSALM 23.

1. The Lord is my shepherd; I | shall not | want || he maketh me to lie down in green pastures; he leadeth me beside the still | wa- — | ters.

2. He restoreth my soul; he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his | name's— | sake; || yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they | comfort | me.

3. Thou preparest a table before me, in the presence of mine enemies: thou *anointest my head* with oil; my | cup . . runneth | over. || Surely goodness and mercy *shall follow me* all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord, for- / ev- — / er. / A- / men.

198 Chant. "I will lift up mine eyes."

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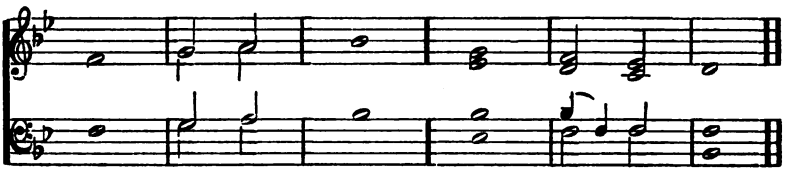
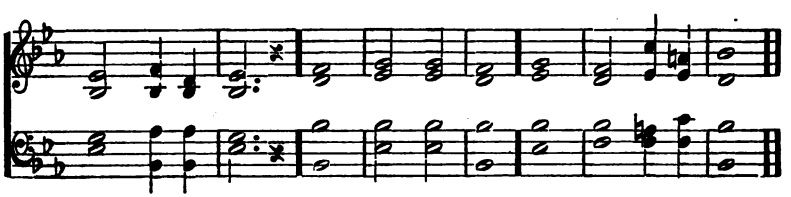


PSALM 121.

1. I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence | cometh . . my | help.
2. My help cometh from the Lord, which made | heaven . . and | earth.‖
3. He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee | will not | slumber.
4. Behold he that keepeth Israel shall not | slumber . . nor | sleep. |
5. The Lord is thy keeper: the Lord is thy shade upon thy | right— | hand.
6. The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the | moon by | night. ‖
7. The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall pre- | serve thy | soul.
8. The Lord shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore. | A— | men.

Chant. "Thy will be done."



1 "Thy will be | done!" | In devious way
The hurrying stream of | life may | run; ‖
Yet still our grateful hearts shall say, |
"Thy will be | done."

2 "Thy will be | done!" ‖ if o'er us shine
A gladd'ning and a | prosp'rous | sun, ‖
This prayer will make it more divine— |
"Thy will be | done."

3 "Thy will be | done!" ‖ though shrouded o'er
Our | path with | gloom, ‖ one comfort—one
Is ours:—to breathe, while we adore, |
"Thy will be | done."

Close by repeating the first two measures, "Thy will be done."

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